

### Library News

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#### **Book-A-Librarian - FREE Job & Career Assistance!**

The Book-A-Librarian Program has already helped 9 patrons just in its first month, 4 of whom have received jobs! The library has always provided free internet access, basic computer assistance, and MS Word to create resumes and cover letters. Now with a partnership with PCC and the receipt of a \$25,000 LSTA grant through the State Library of NC, the library is able to provide additional tailored job and career services:

**Book-A-Librarian:** Receive one-on-one help from a member of our staff to assist you in reaching your employment goals. Simply fill out a **Book-A-Librarian** form found at the circulation desk stating what assistance you need and your contact information and one of our staff members will contact you to set up an appointment. Appointments will be available on **Tuesday mornings** and **Friday afternoons**.

**Job Seekers Lab:** Beginning Oct 12, 2015, an instructor from Piedmont Community College will be at the Caswell County Public Library every Monday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. to provide FREE assistance with job and career assistance. This is a floating lab, so you are free to come and go at any time during lab hours without having to arrive at a certain time and can leave when you are finished without having to wait until the end of the lab.

The Book-A-Librarian and Job Seekers Lab will offer:

- Creating a resume
- Completing a job application
- Creating a cover letter
- Online job search
- Creating an email address
- Interviewing techniques
- Free thumb drive



Congratulations to JeQuetta Woody on her job offer after working with Rebecca Foster through the Book-A-Librarian Program!

5 free resumes on resume paper

**Workforce Certification Lab:** Continue to fine tune your employment search skills by attending one of PCC’s FREE Certification Labs every Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at PCC Caswell Campus! These labs will focus on a specific career skill such as communication skills, interpersonal skills, interview techniques, and many other areas around NC Career Readiness. Although the library has been providing career services and employment assistance in the past, The Book-A-Librarian service that provides an entire hour of one-on-one help has only been in effect since the beginning in September! The Caswell County Public Library staff and the staff at Piedmont Community College look forward to helping you reach your career goals!!!

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.



# Library News (continued)



**Library Programs:** Regular school programs started the first week of September.

**Children's Programs:**

Tuesdays @ 3:30 – Book Baggers (Ages 6 – 12)  
 Wednesday @ 10:00 – Lambs and Lambs (Ages 0 – 5)  
 Animals A-Z

**Teen Programs:**

Thursdays @ 3:30 Teen Programs

**Adult Programs**

Book Club @ 6:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
 Tutoring @ 3:30 every Friday - Lisa Hinton provide tutoring in reading and calculus  
 Computer Classes – Saturdays when scheduled



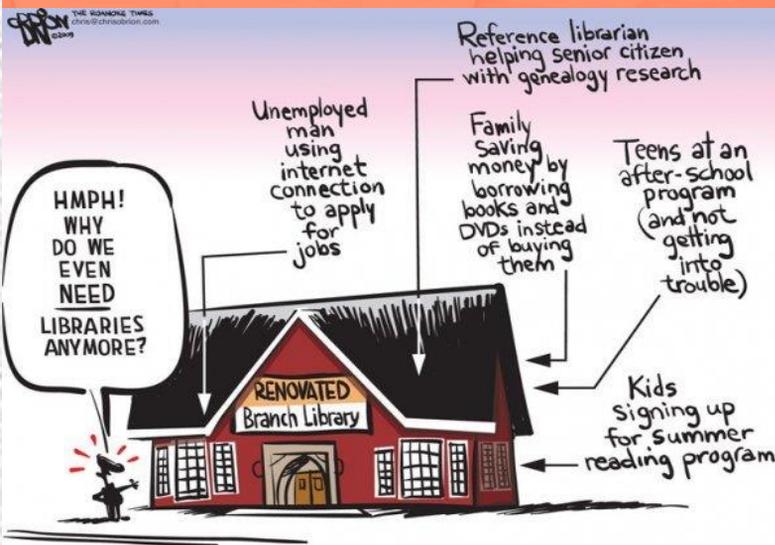
~Submitted by Rhonda Griffin



	August 2015
Circulation	4893
Computer Use (Patrons)	1290
Children's Programs	6
Children Program Attendance	591
Teen Programs	8
Teen Program Attendance	38
Door Count	7549

## Movies at the Library

The Longest Ride (2015)  
 PG-13 | 128 min | [Drama](#), [Romance](#)  
 Storyline  
 Based on the bestselling novel by master storyteller Nicholas Sparks, THE LONGEST RIDE centers on the star-crossed love affair between Luke, a former champion bull rider looking to make a comeback, and Sophia, a college student who is about to embark upon her dream job in New York City's art world. As conflicting paths and ideals test their relationship, Sophia and Luke make an unexpected and fateful connection with Ira, whose memories of his own decades-long romance with his beloved wife deeply inspire the young couple. Spanning generations and two intertwining love stories, THE LONGEST RIDE explores the challenges and infinite rewards of enduring love.



# Bottled Water for South Carolina

Rockingham County, Stokes County and Caswell County rolled up their sleeves and donated over 2,475 cases of bottled water to send to flood victims of South Carolina. The water was collected from Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The citizens from all three counties really stepped up to the plate. Caswell County collected 642 cases. The Caswell County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the staff at the Senior Center for allowing the donations to be collected there. A big thank you to the Maintenance Department and the Emergency Management Department for making sure that the water was secure for transport and for providing the transportation for the water to be delivered. Chairman Kenneth Travis, Commissioner David Owen, Bryan Miller, County Manager, Paula Seamster, Clerk to the Board, Colon Cassady, Maintenance Director, Barry Lynch, Emergency Management Coordinator and Jeannine Everidge, Senior Center Director delivered the water to Rockingham County on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.



Hey it is holiday time. This is the time of the year when we are all so very busy planning for the holidays. First, we have Halloween where we can dress up and be what or whomever we like. We get to eat as much candy as we like and collect all the screams we can hold. Then we have Thanksgiving where we spend all day cooking and decorating. Families gather for the biggest dinner of the year. It is so lovely to sit around the table with family and friends remembering all the things that we are so thankful for. Last, but surely not least, Christmas is one of the most giving celebrations of the year.

Here at the Department of Social Services it is the time of year when we help those that are the most precious of all, the children. There are a lot of children in Caswell County that are less fortunate and deserve to have a nice holiday. DSS is the distributor of Christmas Cheer with Tonya Breedlove being Coordinator. Christmas Cheer is a program that has been around for a long time and has blessed many children in Caswell County. The easy application process is done in October and yes, gifts are out by Christmas Eve. The children served are ages 2 thru 12, so that we can make the holidays special for as many children as possible. Presently there are 182 children on the Christmas Cheer list that need your help to make Christmas special and of those only 29 have sponsors at this time. There are no funds set aside for Christmas Cheer. It is based solely on sponsorship, financial donations, and toy donations.

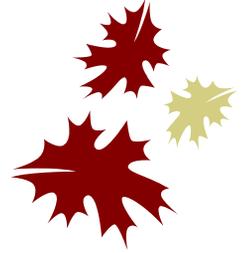
I know you are wondering how **you** can be a part of this program. You can give a financial donation, toy donation, or you can sponsor a child or family. Remember all donations are tax deductible. If you would like to make donations, make checks payable to **Caswell County Department of Social Services Christmas Cheer**. You can mail it to PO Box 1538 Yanceyville, NC 27379 or if you prefer to drop a toy and/or financial donations to the DSS agency before December 4, 2015. **Contact Tonya Breedlove, Christmas Cheer Coordinator @ (336) 694-2047 for more information.**

One of the other areas that the Department Of Social Services helps the children in our county is Foster Care, Child Protection and Child Placement Teams. This unit works to prevent children from being placed outside of their homes but at the same time guaranteeing their safety. This year there is an increase of children in custody and your help is needed to make Christmas a brighter season for the children of our county. You may sponsor a child or several children by **contacting Lucinda Wilson at (336)694-2051. Donations need to be dropped by the agency by December 4, 2015.**

The Department Of Social Services also cares for its adult services clients during the Christmas holidays. We usually give out toiletries and blankets. If you would like to donate please contact **Michelle Waddle at (336)694-2008. All donations need to be received at the DSS agency by December 4, 2015**

There are many ways for you to give and make the Christmas special for someone. We are thanking you in advance. Here's to the holidays. We at the Department Of Social Services are wishing you a **Happy Halloween, Wonderful Thanksgiving, and the Merriest of Christmas.**

*~Submitted by Yvette Williams*



**Happy Fall Y'all from the Tax Office**



**Reminder!**

Tax Bills were mailed out in August 2015 and were due by September 1, 2015 and will be delinquent if not paid by January 6, 2016. Payments may be made monthly until then.

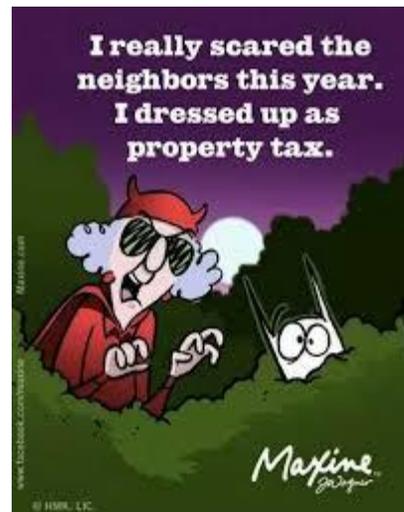
Shiloh Baptist Church is participating with a mission trip on Dec. 11 & 12 to a very poor area in the mountains of West Virginia. We are collecting donations of toys for children and shoes & clothing for children and adults. **(items may be used or new, but please not dirty, torn or broken)** The pickup date is November 22 at our church. You may contact Jonna Lunsford @ Tax Office or by Cell- 336-583-2376.

**TAX OFFICE HUMOR**

A man walked into the tax collector's office and sat down and smiled at everyone.

"May I help you?" said the clerk in charge.

"No," said the man. "I just wanted to meet the people I have been working for all these years."



~Submitted by: Jonna Lunsford

# Senior Center News

Have any of you been to a department store lately? I recently walked through Macy's in Glenn Allen, Virginia, and they were decorating for Christmas! CHRISTMAS! I thought about asking one of the men decorating, "what happened to Halloween and Thanksgiving?" That's when I got to thinking; we often forget one major holiday in order to get ahead of the upcoming holiday season – Veterans Day. I will admit, in the past Veterans Day was always thought of as a day off from school or work. I have Veterans in my family – both my grandfathers served as I'm sure some of your family members have. But this year carries a different meaning for my family and me.

Last year, right after Christmas, my brother left for San Antonio, Texas to begin basic training in the World's Greatest Air Force. He graduated from basic training in February of this year and immediately began tech school in Wichita Falls, Texas. He completed tech school in June and was able to come home for a few weeks. On July 1, my brother shipped out to Japan where he will be stationed for the next two years. Because of his job we don't have to worry about him being deployed to a combat zone but it still does not make things any easier on our family. Even though he is on the other side of the world, I know our family has never been closer.

I say all that not for the reaction – but so that you might take action. We have so many Veterans here in our county that deserve a simple thank you for the sacrifice they made. I recently gave blood for the first time this summer and I happened to be donating beside a Marine who was home on leave. I made sure I thanked him for his service before I left that day. Whenever my family sees someone in public with a Veteran's hat on we make sure we stop and thank them for all they have done. You have no idea how that simple act of kindness brings such joy to their day. I never knew it – until my brother became an Airman.

I hope to see you all at the Veterans Day Celebration on November 11 at 11 am at the Civic Center as we honor our local Veterans. They deserve our many thanks for the sacrifice they have made or are making.



~ Submitted By:  
Katey Briggs, Senior Center

## Life Skills Classes

Opportunity... August 21 classes were combined and given an opportunity of a lifetime; it is solely up to each student to take it & pursue it, to put time, desire & effort into, to decide to make it happen & not risk losing it.

Adolphus Gwynn attended Jones (Duncan) Elementary School, Cobb School, Dillard Middle School and the first 2 years of Bartlett Yancey High School. At the end of his sophomore year, he competed for and was selected for attendance at the fledgling North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham, NC. He was the first Bartlett Yancey and first Caswell County native to be selected and graduate from the School of Science and Math. He was amongst the 3rd graduating class in 1984 and enlisted in the Army as a private in Fort Dix, NJ in 1984. Within a year of enlisting in the Army, Adolphus applied to and was selected to enter the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York. Upon graduation from West Point in 1989, Adolphus was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Army and chose the Infantry Branch of the Army's combat Arms organization. During his tenure in the military, Adolphus went on to become an Airborne Ranger, Air Assault and Jungle Combat Certified. Upon completion of his initial assignment at Fort Benning, GA, Adolphus volunteered to go to Germany to serve as a mechanized platoon leader and at the age of 23, deployed from Germany to Saudi Arabia on Christmas day in 1990 as a part of the First Armored Division's preparation for Operation Desert Storm. Adolphus led a platoon of 30 men into battle against the elite Iraqi Tawakalna Republican Guard. The mechanized unit successfully engaged the opposition and completed the battle with no loss of life and with Adolphus being awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Upon completion of the war, Adolphus requested and was assigned to South Korea to serve as an Executive Officer in defense of the 38th parallel division between North and South Korea. Adolphus completed 15 months of service in Korea and was re-assigned as a Company Commander at the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC where he commanded over 200 troops and became a certified Jumpmaster; expert in jumping from AC-130 Hercules Aircraft and deploying airborne troops within 48 hours' notice. After 10 years of military service, Adolphus began work in the civilian world and now works for a software company leading multi-million dollar projects. He has built a portfolio of businesses to include a rental property business with 12 houses, a barbershop with 5 employees, and a trucking business with 9 tractor trailer trucks.

When I ask Mr. Adolphus Gwynn to come speak to the classes, I assumed it would be about striving to be their best, or maybe not allowing their location to be an excuse for not succeeding. Not only did he share his achievements in life but he shared his not-so-good times. But most of all, he gave them opportunity. Mr. Gwynn stated, "You all have (Cont'd.)

tremendously powerful potential to be a success in life. There is no limit other than one that is self-imposed.” I want him to know that his gracious gifts, including his time, are appreciated and will pay off. As one student said, “He believes in us.”

~Submitted by: Tonya Pegg



# Congratulations!



Congratulations to Caswell County 4-H on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the County Exhibits category at the NC State Fair.





## Breast Exams & Mammograms

Every woman's wellness plan should include regular breast exams. Doing so can help you find problems early.

### These three tests are used the most to check breast tissue:

**Breast self-exam (BSE):** You check your breasts for lumps or anything else that seems unusual.

**Clinical breast exam (CBE):** A doctor or other health care professional carefully feels the breasts and under your arms for lumps or anything else that seems unusual.

**Mammogram:** This is a low-dose X-ray picture of the breast. A mammogram along with a breast exam by your doctor can find breast cancer at an early stage when it can best be treated. The amount of radiation used in mammograms is very low, so the risk of any harm is extremely small.

### What happens during a mammogram?

A mammogram is a simple test. When you go for a mammogram, the technician taking the picture will place your breast between two X-ray panels. The panels will push your breast between them to get a clear picture. You may feel a little bit of discomfort, but each X-ray takes less than one minute.

### Who should get one?

Women ages 40 and up should talk to their doctor about how often to have a mammogram. It varies based on your personal health and family history. A woman's chance of getting breast cancer is greater as she ages.

Women who have had breast cancer or other breast problems or who have a family history of breast cancer might need to start getting mammograms before age 40, or they might need to get them more often. Talk to your doctor about when to start and how often you should have a mammogram.

### Why should I get one?

A mammogram can save your life by finding breast cancer early. It can show cancer what is too small for you or your doctor to feel. When breast cancer is found early, you have more treatment options.

### Have you called to schedule your annual routine mammogram yet?



# holiday **HOME** SAFETY **TIPS**

brightnest.com

The holidays are here! However, there are more than a few hazards lurking among your festive preparations. Here are five important safety tips:

## 1 **BE CAREFUL WITH CANDLES:**



Nothing kindles the holiday spirit like candles, but those are open flames in your house! In a three-year span, candle fires caused around 130 deaths and \$360 million in damage. If you're leaving the house or going to sleep, blow out all of your candles first!

## 2 **PROTECT YOUR KIDS AND PETS:**



Holiday decorations can easily be mistaken for a shiny snack. Keep bite-sized ornaments out of reach and remember that mistletoe, poinsettia and holly berries are toxic. It's best to avoid these if you have kids or pets.

## 3 **BE SAFE WITH HOLIDAY LIGHTS:**



About 1,300 people are sent to the emergency room every year due to holiday light accidents. Before you plug yours in, check for frayed wires, damaged sockets and gaps in the insulation. If you find problems, toss the lights.

## 4 **PREPARE FOR GREASE FIRES:**



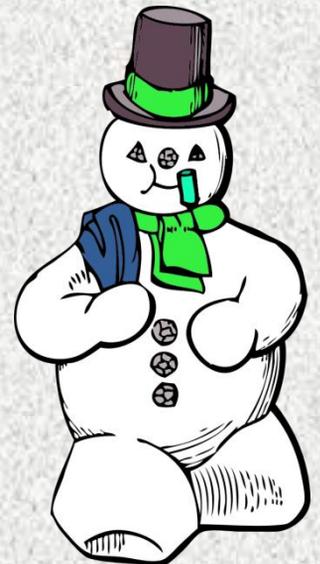
Your kitchen will probably see a lot of action this season, and grease can ignite without warning. Keep a fire extinguisher handy, and if you wind up in a pinch, remember that flour and baking soda also squelch grease flames. Water does not!

## 5 **CLIMB LADDERS RESPONSIBLY:**



Each year, more than 164,000 people visit the emergency room because of a ladder accident. Decorations often call for a climb, so be safe by always keeping three body parts in contact with the ladder at all times.

Sources: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) // American Red Cross



~Submitted by Melissa Williamson

# Origin of Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving is America's preeminent day. It is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday in the month of November. It has a very interesting history. Its origin can be traced back to the 16th century when the first thanksgiving dinner is said to have taken place.

## **Journey of Pilgrims**

The legendary pilgrims, crossed the Atlantic in the year 1620 in Mayflower-A 17th Century sailing vessel. About 102 people traveled for nearly two months with extreme difficulty. This was so because they were kept in the cargo space of the sailing vessel. No one was allowed to go on the deck due to terrible storms. The pilgrims comforted themselves by singing Psalms- a sacred song.

## **Arrival in Plymouth**

The pilgrims reached Plymouth rock on December 11th 1620, after a sea journey of 66 days. Though the original destination was somewhere in the northern part of Virginia, they could not reach the place owing to winds blowing them off course. Nearly 46 pilgrims died due to extreme cold in winter. However, in the spring of 1621, Squanto, a native Indian taught the pilgrims to survive by growing food.

## **Day of Fasting and Prayer**

In the summer of 1621, owing to severe drought, pilgrims called for a day of fasting and prayer to please God and ask for a bountiful harvest in the coming season. God answered their prayers and it rained at the end of the day. It saved the corn crops.

## **First Thanksgiving Feast**

It is said that Pilgrims learnt to grow corn, beans and pumpkins from the Indians, which helped all of them survive. In the autumn of 1621, they held a grand celebration where 90 people were invited including Indians. The grand feast was organized to thank god for his favors. This communal dinner is popularly known as "The first thanksgiving feast". There is however, no evidence to prove if the dinner actually took place.

While some historians believe pilgrims were quite religious so, their thanksgiving would've included a day of fasting and praying, others say that the Thanksgiving dinner did take place.

## **Turkey and First Thanksgiving Feast**

There is no evidence to prove if the customary turkey was a part of the initial feast. According to the first hand account written by the leader of the colony, the food included, ducks, geese, venison, fish, berries etc.

## **Pumpkin and Thanksgiving Feast**

Pumpkin pie, a modern staple adorning every dinner table, is unlikely to have been a part of the first thanksgiving feast. Pilgrims however, did have boiled pumpkin. Diminishing supply of flour led to the absence of any kind of bread. The feast continued for three days and was eaten outside due to lack of space. It was not repeated till 1623, which again witnessed a severe drought. Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of thanksgiving in the year 1676. October of 1777 witnessed a time when all the 13 colonies joined in a communal celebration. It also marked the victory over the British.

After a number of events and changes, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving in the year 1863. This was due to the continuous efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor. She wrote a number of articles for the cause.

From all of us here in Caswell County Extension Office,  
Enjoy your Holiday Season.

*~Submitted by Sherry Ramsey*



## Selection and Care of Christmas Trees

Selection of the "perfect" Christmas tree can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. By following a few simple procedures, buyers can select trees which will meet their needs throughout the holiday season.

Before setting out to purchase a tree, determine where in the home the tree will be located, the size required and whether all sides will be displayed. Other characteristics such as tree density, color and fragrance should also be considered. Next, determine whether a cut tree or one "balled and burlapped" is to be purchased, or if a visit to a "choose and cut" farm is preferred. A large number of growers, civic and charitable organizations and retail stores provide trees that only need to be purchased and taken home.

"Ball and burlap" trees are sold with roots intact so that replanting is possible after the holiday season. At "choose and cut" farms, trees are chosen where they are growing in the field and then cut for use.

In North Carolina, there are a number of native-grown trees available for purchase, including Fraser fir, white pine, Virginia pine, red cedar, Leyland cypress and others.

Fraser fir has all the qualities of an excellent Christmas tree, such as fragrance, good needle retention and freshness. Its strong limbs will also hold ornaments well.

White pine is a softer-textured tree with more pliable limbs than those of Fraser fir. Its needles are somewhat longer than most other Christmas tree species, but retains its needles well.

Virginia pine is often sold from "choose and cut" farms and has the good qualities of the pines such as fragrance, needle retention and suitability for ornaments.

Many people prefer red cedar because it has been a traditional southern Christmas tree. Red cedar has a nice fragrance, but its flexible limbs will not support many or heavy ornaments. Red cedar may dry rapidly in a warm house if it is not well-watered.

Leyland cypress is a relative newcomer in the Christmas tree market. It has a lighter green color than red cedar and has soft flexible limbs. It also has a very attractive shape. Like red cedar, Leyland cypress dries rapidly in a warm house.

Freshness, which generally equates to the water content of a tree, is important when selecting a Christmas tree. For certain species, freshness can be determined by the condition of the needles. Fresh needles of firs and spruces will break when bent, in a manner similar to a carrot, but the needles are not brittle. Pine needles will break only if they are very dry. You can also bounce or shake a tree to see if needles are firmly attached. Older, dead needles should fall off, but not the younger, green needles.

### **Caring for a Tree after Purchase**

Once a tree is purchased, keeping it fresh requires watering on a regular basis and avoiding high temperatures. If the tree is bought several days before it is to be decorated, it should be stored outside in a cool, shaded area. The base should be sawed on a diagonal about one inch above the original cut, and the base placed in a container of water. Sprinkling or misting the tree with water will also help retain freshness, but the tree should not be soaked.

Whether stored or not, before bringing the tree in the house, a square cut should be sawed on the base. The base of the tree should be kept in water throughout entire period that the tree is in use. The water level in the stand should be checked daily. Research has indicated that water additives are not needed and may even result in excessive drying.

The tree should be well supported and placed away from sources of heat. Tree lights should not be left on unless someone is at home, and should be turned off when the family goes to bed. Electrical cords should also be checked for any signs of damage or wear. Trees do not cause fires but will support combustion when dry. Dry trees should be removed before they create a fire hazard.

*~Submitted by Sherry Ramsey*



# **fall** *backward*

don't forget to set  
your clocks back  
*Sunday*  
November 1st, 2015

# Happy Birthday!!

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDATE
		NOVEMBER
Tim Smith	Solid Waste	1
Ray Fearington	Section 8	3
Erin Griswold	EMS	5
Crystal Talley	EMS	6
Brenda McCollum	DSS	7
Preston Halstead	Sheriff	12
Francina Jones	Family Services	12
Christy Marlowe	DSS	12
Frank Rose	Sheriff	12
Naomi Stewart	Maintenance	12
Susan Cox	Health	13
Betty Hodges	Health	13
Sylvia Price	Detention	16
Chuvola Johnson	DSS	21
Pamela Powell	Health	21
Jimmy Taylor	CATS	22
Matthew Sidney	Parks & Recreation	23
Cynthia Jones	911 Communications	24
Joshua Haley	Sheriff	26
Katie Miller	DSS	28
		DECEMBER
Katey Briggs	Senior Center	1
Dianne Johnson	Tax	3
Tonya Wingate	Soil & Water	4
Michael Allen	Sheriff	7
Joyce Rainey	CATS	8
Jerry Swann	Detention	9
David Owen	Commissioner	11
Ricky Young	Detention	11
Laura Beagle	911 Communications	13
Cameron Gannaway	Detention	14
Daniel Jourdan	EMS	15
Rebecca Foster	Library	18
Barry Lynch	Emergency Management	18
Donnell Corbett	CATS	20
David Anderson	Sheriff	22
Wanda Fowler	Health	22
Tommy Ray	Sheriff	24
Bryan Miller	County Manager	29
Eugene Riddick	Sheriff	30
Heather Welch	EMS	31

**Upcoming Events**

**County Commissioners' Meetings**

Monday, November 2nd & November 16th  
Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & December 21st

**Community Events**

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. – Veterans Day Ceremony – Civic Center  
Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – JCPC 2015-2016 Public Awareness Luncheon – Caswell Pines Golf Course  
Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. – Caswell County Historical Association Tree Lighting Ceremony - Behind Richmond-Miles History Museum

**Employee Appreciation Luncheon**

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Civic Center

*Preserving the Past . . .*



*Embracing the Future!*

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**Gobble, Gobble  
Something Else!**

