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Library

Wind Chime Contest – Adult Program

Be Creative!

Use Your Own Materials.

Judging will take place on February 6th

All wind chimes to be judged must be turned in by

Wednesday, February 6th @ 11:00 a.m.

Use whatever materials you desire. Antique Teapots to Rusted Car Parts! 5 winners will be selected and placed in the Butterfly Garden.

There will also be a Tea Party on Feb 6th at 11:00!

How creative can you be?????

By Rhonda Griffin



New Computer System at the Library

In an effort to save money, the Caswell County Public Library will be migrating to the State Library supported automation system, NC Cardinal. In preparation of the change, the library will be closed for training: Jan 9th – 11th. Computer systems will be down through Jan. 16th. The library will go live on the new system Jan 17th. We appreciate your patience during this process.

Story Time

Some of the library's regularly scheduled children's programs include:

- Lambs and Lions - Wednesdays at 10:00 am - ages 0 - 5
- Book Baggers - Tuesdays at 3:30 pm - age 6 – 12
- Teen Programs - Wednesdays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 p.m.

By Rhonda Griffin

The library now offers teen programs on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30. Join us for games, socializing and fun!



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Employee Appreciation Luncheon

By: *Paola Seawster*

“DO MORE THAN IS
REQUIRED. WHAT IS
THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN SOMEONE
WHO ACHIEVES
THEIR GOALS
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THOSE WHO SPEND
THEIR LIVES AND
CAREERS MERELY
FOLLOWING? THE
EXTRA MILE.”

-GARY RYAN BLAIR

First of all, the Luncheon Committee would like to thank the Cattlemen’s Association for the wonderful meal this year, everything tasted great. We would especially like to recognize Mr. & Mrs. James Blackwell, Keith Vernon, Wayne Hodges, Bobby Aldridge, Mark Thomas, Frank Pendergraft, Sherry Ramsey, Joey Knight, Kin Watlington and the students of the FFA at Bartlett Yancey High School for all of their hard work preparing the meal for us. Thank you to the Anderson Volunteer Fire Department for the use of their grills. We would also like to thank the very talented employees of Caswell County: Judy Jennings, Rebecca “Ms. Becky” Dellinger, Debbie Rascoe, and Naomi Stewart for the entertainment. We have great talent in our county employees. Thank you to all the departments that donated door prizes this year. We would also like to thank the Board of Commissioners and Kevin Howard for supporting this event each year. I personally would like to thank the wonderful Luncheon Committee for their hard work that begins in August and comes to fruition in December. Thank you: Calvin Connally, Rhonda Griffin, Sharon Hendricks, Tonya Pegg, Sherry Ramsey, Debbie Rascoe, Mindy Satterfield and Melissa Williamson. YOU ARE THE BEST!!!! I would also like to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas wreath



that was given to me. We look forward to next year’s Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon.





Due to the support of Mr. Larry Hamlett announcing about the need of the Christmas cheer Program which provides Christmas assistance to children in Caswell County, DSS received \$215.00 in monetary contributions on the day of the County Luncheon, December 4, 2012.

We sincerely appreciate all the support of our Commissioners and County Employees.

-Tonya Breedlove

Senior Center

By: Donna Kopec

Caswell County Employees

Want to earn extra money? The Caswell Senior Center is seeking to identify a pool of county employees that are willing to occasionally supervise the center when it is rented for functions after hours.

The recently approved Building Use Policy requires that a county employee be present in the building when outside individuals rent the facility for parties or functions. The same policy approved that

the employee be paid for their time (straight time, not overtime) and not have it incurred as compensation time.

We have a small staff at the Senior Center and occasionally we are unable to provide a staff person when requested. It is my hope that a few non-exempt county employees might welcome the occasional overtime. When an opportunity arises, I would call or e-mail those who have expressed an interest and the

first one to commit would secure the time. The duties are to open the center, oversee that no damage is done to the building and inspect the location to ensure that it is returned to its original condition. The employee does not perform maintenance duties as the renters are responsible for all clean-up.

If you are interested in being included, please contact Donna Kopec at 336-694-7447 or dkopcc@caswellcountync.gov

“THE SECRET OF A GOOD MEMORY IS ATTENTION, AND ATTENTION TO A SUBJECT DEPENDS UPON OUR INTEREST IN IT. WE RARELY FORGET THAT WHICH HAS MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION ON OUR MINDS.”
-TRYON EDWARDS

Preparing for Winter Driving

By: Melissa Williamson

There's no getting around winter. Instead of dreading it, prepare for it. The changing of the seasons is a great time to check out what your car needs to gear up for cold, wet, winter driving conditions. Do this before the first flake falls because small problems you ignored during warmer months could grow worse, leaving you stranded when the temperature plummets. A few simple tips could keep your car running all winter long.

Take your car to a mechanic and check out the following: battery, antifreeze level, thermostat, heater, brakes, and defroster.

Check to make sure your tires have adequate tread. If the treads are worn, replace them. Better yet, exchange them for a set of snow tires such as Bridgestone Blizzaks, which have treads that provide better traction and are equipped to handle extreme winter driving conditions.

- Make a visual inspection of your vehicle's lights. Make sure the front and rear lights are operational, especially the car's flashing hazard lights.
- Often in the winter, the windshield wiper fluid may freeze. Instead of toughing it out until spring, exchange the fluid with one made especially to spray in freezing conditions.
- Similarly, purchase winter wiper blades to cut through snow and ice instead of using regular ones throughout the year.
- Check the spray nozzles of your windshield-washer system. Sometimes, they get

blocked by wax or debris. Use a needle or pin to clear blocked nozzles.

Road salt commonly used during winter can damage your car's paint. Rinsing it off every once in a while can help, but a good wash and coat of fresh wax will go a long way in preventing corrosion and keep your vehicle looking like new.

These tips will prepare your car for a winter drive.



Caswell County Board of Commissioners

By: Paula Seamsier



(L to Right) Jeremiah Jefferies, Cathy Lucas, Nate Hall, Bill Carter, Larry Hamlett, Kent Williamson and Kenneth Travis.

Twas A Time Before Christmas...

By: Jeff Siz

'Twas two weeks before Christmas, when all through the county, gremlins were stirring, some with a bounty. Public safety was ready, EMS at their bases, in hopes that they'd not have to go to those places. The children were nestled all snug in their beds with colds and fever and stuffy little heads. And mamma with diabetes and me with my heart, had just settled down after doing our part. When out of nowhere the pain began to matter, my heart it did seem was ready to shatter. Reached for the phone, dialed 911 in a flash, heard dispatcher say, "May I help you" that was fast. The moon in the sky lit the new fallen snow while cautious and careful they knew where to go. When what to my panicking eyes should appear an ambulance, flashing lights and first responders everywhere. With an EMT Basic so lively and quick, I

knew in a moment I'd see a paramedic. More rapid than eagles their courses they came, they whistled, they shouted, they called them by name: On stretcher, heart monitor, O2 cylinder and blankets, in jump bag, stethoscope, glucose meter and medicines. To the top of the porch and quick down the hall, they came to help me, not one but all. As the minutes ticked by and my panic grew less many questions were asked I answered, I guess. So there in my house the medics did assess, checked me inside and out, said it might just be stress. And then in a twinkling I heard by the door the sound of the stretcher responders ready as before. The crew was dressed all in clothes from their head to their toes with patches and lettering and a nametag that glowed. A medical bag one had flung on her back, she looked like an angel, and yes, I thought that. Her

eyes how they twinkled, her smile was so merry. Her partner was pleasant with all else to carry. Their two little mouths worked as if they were one, talked with me and each other, the wife and the son. My age they did ask as they wired me up for a look, a four lead, a 12 lead, a 15 lead, check every nook. My temperature they took, my pulse and blood pressure, oxygen, blood sugar, and heart monitor for good measure. I was told it was Christmas and to the hospital I may not want to go, but they thought it prudent regardless of the snow. The stretcher they put me, strapped securely within. All covered in blankets, my toes even tucked in. Escorted to the ambulance I heard them exclaim, you're all right, we've got you now, Merry Christmas and good night.

"I LIKE NONSENSE, IT WAKES UP THE BRAIN CELLS. FANTASY IS A NECESSARY INGREDIENT IN LIVING; IT'S A WAY OF LOOKING AT LIFE THROUGH THE WRONG END OF A TELESCOPE. WHICH IS WHAT I DO, AND THAT ENABLES YOU TO LAUGH AT LIFE'S REALITIES."

-THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL



Parks & Recreation News

By: Tonya Pegg

We have been very busy here at the Parks and Recreation. A fantastic volleyball season just ended and basketball season is gearing up. Teams have been drafted and practice has begun. We have around 230 participants this season!! Picture day is Saturday, January 5, 2013 and game will begin the following week. We would like to wish everyone a "MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR"!

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THE PAST,
EMBRACING
THE FUTURE



Movie Review:

By: Rhonda Griffin

Movies (and books) at the library!

The Avengers (2012)
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0848228/>

143 min - Action - 4 May 2012 (USA)
8.4 Stars

Nick Fury is director of S.H.I.E.L.D, an international peace keeping agency. The agency is a who's who of Marvel Super Heroes, with Iron Man, The Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye and Black Widow. When global security is threatened by Loki and his cohorts, Nick Fury and his team will need all their powers to save the world from disaster. *Written by Wellrabsokard*

Trivia

Cameo: Stan Lee creator of such marvel genius works as Spider-Man, the Hulk, the X-Men, the Fantastic Four, Iron Man, Thor, and many other fictional characters, is the old man being interviewed at the end of the New York battle montage who says: "Superheroes in New York? Give me a break", and then returns to a game of chess with a fellow senior citizen.



Detention Center Graduating Class

By: Lt. Mike Adkins



(L to R) Thomas Gilreath, Judy Jennings, Daniel Witty, Jennifer Villeda, Cameron Gannaway, Jordan Edge, Kedrick King, Jacklyn Warren, Angel Soyars and John Gunn.

Caswell residents completed a 30 day N.C. Sheriff's Education Training and Standards Detention Officers Training hosted by Piedmont Community College. The course certifies the officers as Detention Officers. Officer Gilreath was presented the Heart Award for dedication and determination during the course. Officer Edge was presented the Ironman Award for being in top physical condition.

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Happy Birthday Heather Jeffries</i>	2 <i>Happy Birthday Jennifer Eastwood Kriston Mitchell Latoya Murphy</i>	3 <i>Happy Birthday David Travis Yvette Williams</i>	4	5
6 <i>Happy Birthday Desiree Benson Melissa Berry John Yarbrough</i>	7 <i>Happy Birthday Robert Webb</i>	8 <i>Happy Birthday Ruth Miller</i>	9 <i>Happy Birthday Misty Coe Brenda Richmond</i>	10 <i>Happy Birthday Don Loper</i>	11 <i>Happy Birthday Judy Jennings Kevin Newcomer</i>	12 <i>Happy Birthday Walter Lewis</i>
13 <i>Happy Birthday Michelle Waddell</i>	14	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday James Shell Jerome Wilson</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday Maria Cable</i>	18 <i>Happy Birthday Denise Wilkins Cynthia Williamson</i>	19 <i>Happy Birthday Audrey Simpson</i>
20 <i>Happy Birthday Mel Brown Elliott Preston</i>	21 <i>Happy Birthday John Gunn Joey Knight</i>	22	23 <i>Happy Birthday Robert Edwards Julie McSherry Jennifer Russell</i>	24 <i>Happy Birthday Ryan Daniel Kenneth Travis</i>	25	26 <i>Happy Birthday Lamont Lowe Carson Massey Joyce Miller</i>
27 <i>Happy Birthday Michelle Tucker</i>	28 <i>Happy Birthday Tammy Riggs</i>	29	30	31		

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Brian Shull</i>	2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Christopher Jones</i>
3 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Scott Norris</i>	4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Kedrick King</i> <i>Jennifer Pinkston</i>	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Lavonne Jeffreys</i>	6 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jordan Massey</i>	7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Marion Evans</i>	8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Samantha Campbell</i> <i>Aaron Popp</i> <i>Bradley Thompson</i>	9 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Cedric Johnson</i>
10 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Bobby Badgett</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Janice Garland</i> <i>Susan Trost</i>	16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jonathan Graves</i> <i>Amy Hooker</i> <i>Pamela Turner</i>
17 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Lucinda Wilson</i>	18	19	20 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Herbert Rudd</i>	21	22 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Wanda Connally</i> <i>Octavia Floyd</i> <i>Michael Griggs</i> <i>William Reynolds</i>	23
24	25 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Claire Kirby</i>	26 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Michael Welch</i>	27 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Renisha Brown</i> <i>Tonya Fuller</i> <i>Irvin Waitington</i> <i>Heather Young</i>	28		