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Easter Lilies

We can thank the two world wars for most of the world's production of the Bermuda lily, better known as the Easter lily, in the United States.

Native to the Ryukyu Islands of southern Japan, this lily (*Lilium longiflorum*) was discovered by the famous plant explorer Carl Peter Thunberg in 1777 and sent to England in 1819. Missionaries and sailors further carried it to Bermuda in 1853. Much of the commercial bulb production was in Bermuda during the late 1800's, hence the other name for this bulbous plant. When a virus destroyed the crop there in 1898, production moved to Japan where it continued until the outbreak of World War II.

With the outbreak of this war, bulbs were of course scarce so the price increased greatly. The few with bulbs in this country who were growing them more for a hobby began growing "White Gold", as they were called, for business. World War I also was integral to bulb production on the southern Oregon coast, as it was a soldier in this war, Louis Houghton, who first brought a suitcase of these bulbs there to his friends.

This area along the California-Oregon border is often called the "Easter Lily Capital of the World" because it produces about 95 percent of all the bulbs grown in the world for the potted Easter lily market, and virtually all used in this country. After World War

II there were about 1,200 commercial bulb growers in this area. Today the 10 growers of the Pacific Bulb Growers Association pro-

duce more than 65,000 boxes of bulbs, shipping them to commercial greenhouses in the U.S. and Canada. Almost 600 acres are planted to produce Easter lily bulbs, worth about \$7 million a year. To help solve bulb production problems, these growers even have their own state funded research station.

Most all Easter lilies are the cultivar 'Nellie White', selected by a grower and named for his wife. Bulb production begins in the fall, when scales or bulblets are planted. The lily bulb is actually composed of many scales—specialized leaves below ground that store food. These can be separated and planted. Bulblets are mini-bulbs produced along the underground stem, which can be removed and planted. Both bulblets and scales will form new bulbs. Each fall bulbs are dug, the largest packed to sell, and the smallest planted back to grow another year.

So how did Easter lilies, a plant that naturally blooms in summer in most of this country, become such a symbol of Easter? For this we can thank a woman visiting Bermuda in the 1880s, Ms. Thomas Sargent. She loved the flowers blooming naturally in Bermuda in the spring, so brought some bulbs back home to Philadelphia. A local nurseryman there, William Harris, began growing them, forcing them into spring bloom, and selling to other florists. Many began buying this flower for Easter, as they do today, with it symbolizing the Resurrection.

So how are Easter lilies forced or "tricked" into bloom in time for Easter?

By: Will Strader

Once greenhouse growers receive bulbs in the late fall, the bulbs are potted and placed in non-freezing cool temperatures. The bulbs must receive about 1000 hours of moist cold in order to bloom, although additional light after they sprout can substitute for some cold.

Once the lily bulbs sprout, growers closely monitor them in order to time them for Easter. This can be difficult, as Easter can vary from March 23 to April 25. Temperature is used to speed up or slow down the crop. As each plant can respond a bit differently, many plants traditionally have been moved back and forth between warm and cold greenhouses, so are sometimes called a "wheelbarrow crop." Growers track growth using such techniques as "leaf counting" in which the rate of leaf unfolding is recorded.

When buying a lily, look for a plant with flowers in various stages of bloom from buds to open or partially opened flowers. Foliage should be dense, rich green in color, and extend all the way down to the soil line (a good indication of a healthy root system). Look for a well-proportioned plant, one that is about two times as high as the pot. You also should check the flowers, foliage, and buds for signs of yellowing, insects, or disease.

At home, keep your lily away from drafts and drying heat sources such as appliances or heating ducts. Bright, indirect light is best with daytime temperatures of 60 to 65 degrees F. Water the plant only when the soil feels dry to the touch, but don't over water. To prolong the life of the blossoms, remove the

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By: Will Strader

yellow anthers (pollen-bearing pods) found in the center of each flower. If you get this staining pollen on fabrics, don't rub it off, but remove it with sticky tape.

If you have cats, especially those that like to chew on leaves, keep your lily away from them. Any part of this lily, as many of its relatives, can cause kidney failure

in cats. Eating even one leaf can be fatal to a cat, starting with them stopping eating, vomiting, and becoming lethargic. If you think a cat has eaten a leaf, call a veterinarian immediately as prompt treatment often can be successful.



By: Brandi Boaz

4-H News

HELP US BREAK 100! Caswell County 4-H wants to send Easter/Spring cards to our troops. While we are at home enjoying all the blooming flowers, trees coming to life and grass getting greener they will be serving our country in the sandy areas of the middle east. So please take time to write an encouraging note(s) to our military men and women and drop them off at the 4-H office by March 6th!

SAFE SITTER CLASSES

Is your child planning to baby sit or watch your family members over the summer?

If so we have the perfect Spring Break course for them!

Safe Sitter

This is a class that will teach youth ages 11 – 13 how to be better babysitters. The program is a medically accurate program that teaches **boys and girls** how to handle emergencies when caring for younger children. During the class, students get hands-on practice in basic lifesaving techniques so they are prepared to act in a crisis. To successfully complete the program, students must pass a practical and written test to show that they have mastered the key concepts and have the skills necessary to handle an emergency.

Classes will be held at the Agricultural Building in Yanceyville

Tuesday, April 2nd 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3rd 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

You must attend both days of classes to complete the course.

Cost for this class which includes all materials and lunch is ONLY \$20

Deadline to register by is: March 25th

To sign up please contact:

Caswell County 4-H

Call: [336-694-4158](tel:336-694-4158)

JCPC News

By: Rebecca Foster

Let's Take a Trip

The Caswell Intensive Mentoring Program is sponsoring a trip to Washington, DC on April 5, 2013. The bus will leave the Food Lion shopping center in Yanceyville Friday morning at 4:00 AM and return by 1:00 AM Saturday morning. The trip will include visits to the Archives Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, American History Museum, MLK and FDR memorials, the spotlight of the trip will be a visit to the White House.

Anyone interested in participating in this field trip should contact Rebecca Foster, 126 Court Square, 694-4158.

Retirements at the Sheriff's Office

Captain Jerald Brown



After 25 years of service Sheriff Welch and staff would like to wish Captain Jerald Brown a very happy retirement. Captain Brown became a Deputy with the Sheriff's Office in 1988. Captain Brown served as a Patrol Deputy and then moved into the Investigation Division as an Investigator. While working in investigations he was promoted to Sergeant. In 2005 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and over seeing the Investigation team for many years. In 2010 he was promoted to the rank of Captain and C.I.D. Commander.

Captain Brown has also worked with the Crime Stoppers program and served as the Department Chaplain. Captain Brown has been married to Christine Brown for 37 yrs and has one son and two grandchildren. Sheriff Welch and staff would like to take the time to say "Thank you" to Captain Brown for all his hard work and dedication to a job well done and to say "Best Wishes" to many happy years of retirement.

Sergeant Bobby Badgett



After many years of service Sheriff Welch and staff would like to wish Sergeant Bobby Badgett a very happy retirement. Sergeant Badgett came to work for the Sheriff's Office in 1971 as a Deputy reserve under the Civil Defense Program for the community of Camp Springs. In 1993 Sergeant Badgett became a full-time sworn Deputy. 1997 he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and in 2006 he became a Sergeant within the Patrol Division. Over the years with the Sheriff's Office Sergeant Badgett has trained many Deputies. Sheriff Welch and staff would like to say "Thank you" to Sergeant Bobby Badgett for all his hard work and dedication to a job well done and wishing him many happy years of retirement.

Both Captain Jerald Brown and Sergeant Bobby Badgett will be greatly missed.

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-ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Parks & Recreation News

By: Ashley Williams

ZUMBA is still going with a regular crowd of about 12 women that come out to get some exercise and have fun on Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm. Everyone is welcome!!!

We have about 300 youth that are signed up for 2013 Spring Baseball/Softball. The teams will begin to practice in March and games are to be played in April and May. We are excited to start the season and have some fun.

We are beginning to start get summer camps ready to go. We are planning to have camps during the months of June and July. Baseball, softball, tennis, girls basketball, boys basketball, soccer, and volleyball will be happening during the months of June and July.

We have also started a once a month trails meeting /outing to the Senior Center and walk the trails. This is a great way to get out and enjoy the outdoors. We are having the outings on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Look for postings about the where and when on the Facebook/Caswell Parks.

We are still working towards getting A/C in the gym. This will help with activities and rentals during the summer months. We hope to get started soon. We are going to be planning some fundraisers to help with the cost of the A/C, such as raffles, dinners, and auctions to help with the cost of A/C. Look for more details soon.

If you have any questions, please call 336-694-4449

County Employee's Family Picnic Scheduled

By: Paula Seamster

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners will be sponsoring a Caswell County Employees' Family Picnic on Saturday, June 22, 2013 with a rain date of Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the Caswell Parks & Recreation facility and Farmer Lake. The event will be all day. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Each employee that signs up will receive 5 meals tickets. If you do not need all 5 of these meals tickets you can share them with other county employees. You can invite more family members but only 5 family members will be able to eat. Come prepared to play softball,

basketball, bocce, and tennis. The Caswell County Parks and Recreation facility will be open for all to enjoy. S.R. Farmer Lake will also be open to the county employees' families as well. The county employee will need to bring their Caswell County badge to show proof that you are employed so enjoy the canoes and kayaks for free. A train will be available for all the children to ride after 1:00. This train is being supplied by Wayne Hammock so please thank him for this generous donation of his time and equipment. We hope that all the county employees will be able to attend this event and

have a fun filled day with your family members. In the weeks to come a sign-up sheet will be distributed to all departments. Please sign this sheet if you plan to attend. The deadline to sign up will be Friday, June 14, 2013. The week of the event you will receive an envelope with 5 meal tickets in it. Please keep up with these tickets because they will be the only way you will be allowed to receive food at the picnic. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!



"INNOVATION
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AND A FOLLOWER."

-STEVE JOBS

Texas Hold'em Tournament

By Brandi Boaz

United Way of Caswell County proudly presents a Texas Hold'em Tournament on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at Caswell Pines Golf Course at 2380 County Home Road, Blanch, NC.

6:00 p.m. —Registration & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m.—Tournament Begins

Contact Brandi Boaz, 336-694-4158 for more information.



\$500—1st Prize Minimum
2nd—\$100, 3rd—\$75, 4th—\$50
(All prizes to be awarded by Visa gift card).

Only \$40.00 per person

All proceeds support United Way of Caswell County.

You can purchase tickets from any United Way Board Member.

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AND PATIENT, IF
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-HELEN KELLER

Section 8 News

By: Tonya Pegg

Section 8 is proud to announce the following PIC submission scores for the past 6 months:

January 100%	December 101.32%	November 101.3%
October 100%	September 99.17%	August 100.83%

(PIC is a government monitoring system operated by HUD. It ensures that Section 8 is processing and submitting correct information in a timely manner.)

EMS News

By: Jeff Sizemore

Jamey Gualdoni graduated from the UNC Management Class for EMS personnel



Upcoming Library Programs

By: Rhonda Griffin

Miss North Carolina - at the Library March 20, 2013

Children and adults will enjoy meeting Miss Arlie Honeycut – Miss North Carolina 2013! Come by the library Mar 20th at 10:00 to hear a story and meet Miss NC!

Raising a Reader

The Caswell County Public Library has joined with the Partnership for Children to help early learners celebrate reading! Children participating in the program will meet at the library April 16th to “graduate”, hear stories, and receive their new book bag!

NC Museum – Mammal Program – join us April 17th at 10:00 to see live animals with the NC Museum!

Partnership for Children

The annual Partnership for Children Parade will begin at the library and proceed to the Square. Join us April 26th at 10:00!



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-ALBERT EINSTEIN

Antique Appraisal / Historical Association Fundraiser

By: Rhonda Griffin

Do you have money in your attic? Find out on May 23rd from 9 – 12:00 at the Town Hall. Bring your “valuables” to find out just how valuable they could be! Appraisal fee is \$3.00 for the first item and \$2.00 for each additional item.

Leland Little is a reputable appraiser and estate auctioneer who is volunteering his time to help raise money for the museum. <http://www.llauctions.com> Coins, tools, paintings, antiques... Help support the museum, have fun, and find out what your treasures are really worth!



Chelsea is Leaving

By: Rhonda Griffin



Chelsea will be leaving the library at the end of February. We wish her well in her new adventures, but we will certainly miss her at the library!!!

The Teenagers will miss her on Wednesday afternoons.



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PRESERVING
THE PAST,
EMBRACING
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Movie Review:

By: *Rbonda Griffin*

Movies (and books) at the library!

Think Like a Man (2012)

122 min - Comedy | Romance - PG-13
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0848228/>
Ratings: 6.1 / 10

Four friends conspire to turn the tables on their women when they discover the ladies have been using Steve Harvey's relationship advice against them.

Director:

Tim Story

Writers:

Keith Merryman (screenplay), David A. Newman (screenplay), and 1 more credit »

Stars:

Chris Brown, Gabrielle Union, Kevin Hart
Goofs

When Kristen is talking about her relationship at the open house she compares herself to the character Frodo Baggins. When asked to explain who Frodo was she says "from The Hobbit". Frodo appeared in the original Lord of the Rings trilogy, not in the prequel story The Hobbit which focuses on the character Bilbo



Thank You from DSS

By: *Lucinda Wilson*

Thank you for all the Support!

Caswell Department of Social Services would like to thank everyone in the community and surrounding areas who participated in the Foster Care Christmas Cheer program. Even though the economy is just bouncing back, the response from the citizens of Caswell and surrounding communities was very heartwarming. Each of you poured out your hearts to sponsor our children in foster care with gifts and monetary donations. Some of you have given faithful support each year. It has been said that we are in an economic recession, but your generosity has helped to bring Christmas to life and provide means for other necessities throughout the year for our children. I watched the excitement on the faces of those who gave, and heard the comments from many that they wished they could have done more. It is very heartwarming and it makes you realize the true meaning of the season to watch friends, strangers, neighbors, adults and children work and sacrifice of themselves to help provide for another child. It has been a pleasure to work with the churches, civic groups, schools, and individuals in the community. Thank you for the support, but remember the greatest gift a child in foster care can receive is a loving foster parent or a permanent adoptive home. Anyone interested in becoming a foster/adoptive parent can contact Caswell DSS at (336) 694-4141.

Lucinda Wilson, Chairperson

Thank You!!!



Commissioner and Mrs. Jeremiah Jeffries
Commissioner and Mrs. Larry G. Hamlett
Hamer Missionary Baptist Church
High Rock Baptist Church
River Zion Baptist Church
Honorable Judge Mike and Betty Gentry
Theron and Sandra Jeffries
Gunn Memorial Library
Lisa and William Knight
Eta Eta Zeta Chapter

NC-VA SENIORS
Dan River Lodge 490
Central Caswell Ruritan
Mrs. Florence Vereen
Dillard Middle School SGA
Nancy Wrenn, Mary Kay Director
Caswell DSS Dress Down Fund
Pride of Locust Hill Chapter 624
Hunt Janitorial Service
Bettye and Rickey Parker
Ms. Trudy Blackwell

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy Birthday Woodrow Bigelow	2 Happy Birthday Lauren Neighbors
3	4 Happy Birthday Dean Hodges Racquel Hughes Debbie Rascoe Jean Roberts	5 Happy Birthday Doris Hylar Florence Vereen	6 Happy Birthday Josh Benfield Staff Meeting—10:00	7 Happy Birthday Rose Farmer	8 Happy Birthday Patricia Smith Overman	9
10 Happy Birthday Jeannine Everidge Catherine Wilson	11	12	13	14 Joint Meeting w/ Towns—6:00 pm	15	16 Happy Birthday Gwynn Brandon
17	18 Happy Birthday Regina Bencraft Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 pm	19 Happy Birthday James Gualdoni	20 Miss North Carolina will be at the Library—10:00 (Spring Begins)	21 Happy Birthday Sonja Johnson Ashlee Johnston Stephana Wood	22	23
24	25	26 Happy Birthday Bonnie Gibson	27 Happy Birthday Barbara Garner Christina Ragland	28	29 (Work Holiday) Good Friday	30 Happy Birthday Renee Davis Esther Williamson
31 Happy Birthday Charity James Easter						

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>April Durden</i> <i>Commissioners</i> <i>Meeting—6:30 pm</i>	2 <i>Babysitter Class</i> <i>10:00—4:00</i>	3 <i>Babysitter Class</i> <i>10:00—5:00</i> <i>Staff Meeting—10:00</i>	4	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Rebecca Dellinger</i> <i>Richard McCraw</i> <i>JCPC Washington</i> <i>Trip</i>	6 <i>Genealogy Workshop</i> <i>9:00—3:34 pm</i> <i>Central Caswell</i> <i>Ruritan Club</i>
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Texas Hold'em</i> <i>Tournament</i> <i>Caswell Pines</i>	12	13
14 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Alan Poteat</i> <i>Cynthia Royster</i>	15 <i>Commissioners</i> <i>Meeting—6:30 pm</i>	16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Brenda Irwin</i> <i>Timothy Shaver</i>	17 <i>Mammal Program</i> <i>at the Library—10:00</i>	18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Amy Lyle</i> <i>Jacklyn Warren</i>	19 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jerald Brown</i> <i>Aubrey Fuqua</i> <i>Raymond Graves</i>	20 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Wilson Gwynn</i> <i>Vincent Reyes</i> <i>Jennifer Villeda</i>
21	22	23 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Rebecca Archer</i>	24	25	26 <i>Partnership for</i> <i>Children Parade at</i> <i>the Library—10:00</i>	27
28 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jeffrey White</i>	29 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Shaylyn Alaridge</i>	30				