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It's Christmas At Social Services!!!

Christmas is just around the corner. The Caswell Department of Social Services is asking for the assistance of County employees and the communities of Caswell County to help sponsor our children in foster care for Christmas. Caswell County Child Protection and Child Placement Teams have been working together to

prevent children from being placed outside of their homes but at the same time guaranteeing their safety.

We are asking for your help to make Christmas a brighter season for our children. You may be a sponsor of a child or several children by contacting Lucinda Wilson at (336) 694-2051 or you

By: Lucinda Wilson

may make a monetary donation by sending a check or money order to **Foster Care Christmas Cheer**, Caswell DSS, PO Box 1538, Yanceyville, NC 27379.

All donations must be received by December 3rd, 2012 and your donations must specify Foster Care.

NEWSLETTER STAFF:

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Library

By: Rhonda Griffin

Caswell County Public Library ranked 11th in NC in Program Attendance!

The Guntz Memorial Public Library was ranked 11th in program attendance per capita out of all the public libraries in North Carolina!

As program attendance grew to the point of exceeding the library's facilities, the Friends of the Library stepped in to rent space at the Caswell County Civic Center for the Summer Reading Programs. Summer Reading Programs at the Civic Center have held more than 220 patrons for just one program. As Becky explained that, "There were over 800 children signed up for the 2012 15 summer reading program. The value of library programs is priceless, providing children with pre-literacy skills, social skills, and develops a life-long love of reading."

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
- Summer Reading Programs (June - July) Thursdays at 10:00 am - All ages
- Daycare Story Time - Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- Special Needs Classes (BY and Dillard) - Thursdays

In addition to the children's programs, other library programs include various basic computer classes, teen programs, poetry readings, local author talks, and story-telling workshops. The library is also in the process of developing an adult



literacy class (if you know of anyone that might be interested in these classes, please contact the library at 336-694-6241).

GMPL offers free library cards to all Caswell County residents and people living within a 50 mile radius of the county. In addition to traditional library materials available for check-out, which include books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, and audios, the library also offers numerous other services: Faxing, coping, scanning, color printing, genealogy resources, outreach meeting room, download

ebooks, exam proctoring, and access to free public computers and WiFi are also available.

When compared to much, much wealthier counties (including counties with budgets more than 100 times that of Caswell County) GMPL is proud to hold a high ranking in program attendance!



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Honoring Our Veterans for Veterans Day

A Proud Veteran

Fred A. Smith joined the United States Marine Corps September 28, 1966 and served until September 27, 1969. He was in the 1st Marine Division, 3rd Amtrac Battalion and served from March 27, 1967 through April 18, 1968 in Vietnam. Smith received two purple hearts while in Vietnam and received rank of Sergeant before leaving Vietnam.

Mr. Smith is currently the VFW Post Commander of Post 7316 in Yanceyville; he is also a member of the local American Legion Post 89, member of the Disabled American Veterans, member of the Marine Corps League. He is serving on the North Carolina Commission for Military Affairs Board, appointed by State Senator Berger, Majority Leader of the North Carolina Senate.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Caswell County Senior Advisory Board and is in charge of the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Historic Courthouse.

He is married to Sallie Gibson Smith who is retired from the Caswell County Finance Dept. They have two sons, Rodney and Chad.

"After serving three years as a United States Marine and a Vietnam Veteran with two purple hearts, I do not regret even one day of serving my country. It was an honor to serve the greatest nation on earth.

As I get older I am even more proud of serving my country and more patriotic", Fred A. Smith

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Caswell County EMS is proud and honored to have four individuals who served in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Tim Shaver, EMT-B, served in the United States Air Force (USAF). After initial training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, his tour of duty, 2003-2005, took him to Grand Forks, Air Force Base in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Then Airmen First Class (A1C) E-3 Shaver's responsibilities concentrated on Air Life Support.

Ms. Annie Lea, EMT-B, served in the United States Air Force. Also after initial training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, her tour of duty, 1976-1984, involved assignments at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; Travis Air Force Base, California; and Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

Leaving the USAF as a Staff Sergeant (SSgt) E-6, Ms. Lea's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 902, involved Air Medical duties.

Ms. Maryann Yerkes, EMT-P, served in the United States Army.

Mr. Jeff Sicz, EMT-P, retired from the United States Navy. Initial Officer's Candidate School training was held in Newport, Rhode Island. His tour of duty beginning onboard the USS Miller FF1091 included assignments as an Engineering Main Propulsion Assistant, Electrical Officer, Auxiliaries Officer, and Navigation Officer. Additional shipboard assignments involved Administrative and Operations responsibilities. Schooling included Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Main Propulsion Assistant, Navigation, Navy Diving, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and numerous certification and qualification courses. Shore duties included Weapon's Systems Safety Officer, Material Officer, EOD Detachment Officer in Charge, Director of Training, Executive Officer, East Coast Total Quality Management Coordinator for Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet, and East Coast Explosive Ordnance Disposal Coordinator for Commander, Naval Surfaces Forces, Atlantic. Mr. Sicz retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander (O4) with qualifications as a Surface Warfare Officer, Navy Diving Officer, Special Operations Officer, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer.

Jennifer Fain submitted in Memory of: Lamberth Mann Powell, Sr.—U.S. Army—WWI

Lamberth Mann (LM) Powell, Jr.—U.S. Army

Willie Gibson Powell—U.S. Army

Guy Walter "Shorty" Hill—U.S. Navy

William "Alfred" Hill—U.S. Air Force

Oscar Eldridge Wood—U.S. Army

Omar Carlos Wood, Jr.—U.S. Army

Arthur Lee Martin—U. S. Army WWII—KIA Germany

Colby Lee Richmond—U.S. Army – Operation Enduring Freedom—KIA Afghanistan

Robin Marie Hill Ricchiuto Flaherty—U.S. Army

Jennifer Fain submitted in Honor of: Corey Edwin Powell—U.S. Army Infantry—Currently stationed in Afghanistan

Nicholas Emil Ricchiuto—U.S. Army—Operation Iraqi Freedom

Rodney Allen Smith—U.S. Marines

James William (J.W.) McCann—U.S. Army National Guard

Auville Brady "Brad" Powell, Jr.—U.S. Army National Guard

Jack David Carter, III—U.S. Marines

David Paul Boswell—U.S. Army, Army National Guard

Franklin Delano Hill—U.S. Army

Jerry Lee Wood—U.S. Air Force

Jimmie Dolen McCann—U.S. Army—Vietnam

James "Chad" Paschal—U.S. Army

Travis Bradley Powell—U.S. Navy – Currently serving

Travis Lee Elliott—U.S. Marines—Currently serving

Justin Peoples—U.S. Marines

Robert Doobie Ginn—Army—Currently serving in Iraq

Christopher Paul Boswell—U.S. Army

Anthony Hodges—U.S. Air Force—Vietnam

Arthur Delano Martin—U.S. Marines—Retired

Steve Chappell...Sherry Ramsey's Brother fought in Vietnam (Air Force)

Gerald Chappell...Sherry Ramsey's Brother served in Germany (Air Force)

Ronnie Chappell...Sherry Ramsey's Brother served in the (National Guard)

Bob Ramsey...Sherry Ramsey's father-in-law fought in the Korean War (Marines)

Submitted by Angy Turner In Memory of: Willie B. McCain (Grandfather) - Served in WWI—1920-1924.

Clyde R. Cantrell (Papa) - Served in WWII—1943-1946.

Submitted by Chairman Nate Hall In Honor of: Herman Hall—U.S. Army—WWII

"I MUST ACCEPT LIFE
UNCONDITIONALLY.
MOST PEOPLE ASK FOR
HAPPINESS ON
CONDITION. HAPPINESS
CAN ONLY BE FELT IF
YOU DON'T SET ANY
CONDITION."
-MARGARET LEE
RUNBECK

Honoring Our Veterans for Veterans Day

Submitted by Rhonda Griffin:
In Memory of :
Private First Class Warner H. Hamlett,
Army, landed first wave Normandy
Beach, D-Day and served throughout
WWII receiving 3 purple hearts.

In Honor of: Staff Sergeant Rick Griffin,
who served his country in the
armed forces from 1970 through 1979.

In Honor of: Specialist Four John
Griffin, who served his country in the
armed forces from 1987 through 1993.

Submitted by Paula Seamster:
In Memory of:
PFC James Wesley Seamster—U.S.
Army—WWII

Janie Bason submitted
In Memory of:
William Cannon White, Sr. (Dad) -
U.S. Air Force—Korean War

Charles Thomas White, Sr.
(Grandfather) - U.S. Army—WWI
(France)

David H. Bason (Father-in-Law) - U.S.
Army—Korean War

Janie Bason submitted
In Honor of:
David D. Bason (Husband) - U.S.
Army

Submitted by Kevin Howard
In Memory of:
Gutley M. Howard—U.S. Army—
WWII

Submitted by Kevin Howard
In Honor of:
Larry G. Howard—U.S. Navy—
Vietnam

Submitted by Loretta Nichols at the
Caswell County Health Dept.
In Honor of:
Seaman E3 Bobby Nichols—U.S.
Navy 1962-68 Vietnam Veteran. Sgt.
Bobby Nichols - Virginia Army National
Guard 1977-94 Retired.

MSgt. Allen Nichols—U.S. Air Force
and NC Air Guard 1987-2008 Retired—
Operation Enduring Freedom in
Afghanistan.

Submitted by Stephana Wood In
Honor of:
Sergeant L. Michael Wood—U.S. Air
Force—served in the Vietnam War
and was stationed in Thailand.

Submitted by Karen Davies
In Honor of:
Megan Brooks—U.S. Marines

Submitted by Jennifer Eastwood In
Honor of:
Staff Sergeant Rich Armstrong
(Brother) - U.S. Army—Operation
Iraqi Freedom

Willard Armstrong—U.S. Navy—USS
Anzio—WWII

Submitted by Debbie Rascoe
In Memory of:
Aubrey L. Massey (Father) —
Technician, Fifth Grade—U.S. Army,
305th Quartermaster—WWII

Submitted by Dianne Moorefield
In Memory of:
Mac A. Carroll (Dad) - U.S. Army—
Korean War

As we approach Veteran’s Day we here
at the Sheriff’s Office would like to
take a moment to give a big Thank
You to all the Service Men and
Women that have served and that are
currently serving our Country. Thank
You for your love for our Country and
for fighting for our Freedom. We are
very proud to have some here in our
work family that gave of their time to
serve our Country so to: Sheriff Michael
Welch, Cpt. B. Brown, Sgt. B. Jones,
Lt. Tony Durden, Sgt. B. Badgett,
Cpl. J. Sellars, Dep. M. Griggs and
Cpl. I Watlington we say “Thank
You”.

Submitted by Shanna Poole In Honor
of:
Tracy Jeffers (Husband)—U.S.
ArmyE4 Specialist

Gary Poole (Brother)—U.S. Army -
Sgt First Class E7

Hollis Bigelow (Grandfather)— U.S.
Navy

Kenneth Bigelow (Uncle) - U.S. Navy

Submitted by Kayre Watson
In Memory of:
Joel Jackson Walters, Sr. (Father) - U.S.
Army. Served during WWII in the
Philippines.

In Honor of:
Joel Jackson Walters, Jr. (Brother) -
U.S. Army. Served 18 months in
Germany during the Vietnam War
Conflict.

Charles F. Watson, Jr. (Husband) -
U.S. Army—Vietnam War Conflict
(stateside)

Submitted by Colon Cassidy
In Memory of:
Cebern Colon Cassidy—U.S. Army—
WWII

Submitted by Amy Lyle
In Memory of:
Sergeant Louis Hall—U.S. Army –
WWII

PFC Ross M. Cruz—U.S. Air Force,
STA-E4 Army National Guard
J.T. Webster—U.S. Army—Vietnam
(Died in combat).

Submitted by Amy Lyle
In Honor of:
PFC Curry Hall—Army National
Guard—to be deployed in November
2012.

Sergeant Benny Moore—U.S. Army—
WWII

Sammy Cobb—U.S. Army

Cecil Webster—U.S. Army

Henry Webster—U.S. Navy

PFC Arthur W. Miller—U.S. Army—
Vietnam

Submitted by Carolyn Harrelson
In Honor of:
Cpl James B. Harrelson, Jr. (Father-in-
Law)—POW WWII—POW in
Germany

Submitted by Jeff Sicz
In Memory of:
B.J. “Buck” Page (Father-In-Law)—
U.S. Navy - WWII

Submitted by Jeff Sicz
In Honor of:
Andrew Sicz (Father)—U.S. Navy

Jasper Sicz (Son) - Actively serving in
U.S. Marines

Submitted by Rose Farmer
In Honor of:
Warner Hodges Farmer (Husband)
(1968—1971)Vietnam

John Thomas Farmer (Brother-n-Law)
(1963—1965)Vietnam

Acie Stewart (Brother) - (1968—1971)
Vietnam

Submitted by Rose Farmer
In Memory of:
Roy Lipscomb (Dad) - U.S. Army—
Korean War

Authur Lipscomb (Uncle)

Henderson Lipscomb (Uncle)

Nathaniel Lipscomb (Uncle)

Harvey Lipscomb, Sr. (Uncle)

In Honor of:
Beverly Gwynn—U.S. Air Force

“THERE WILL
ALWAYS BE DREAMS
GRANDER OR
HUMBLER THAN
YOUR OWN, BUT
THERE WILL NEVER
BE A DREAM
EXACTLY LIKE YOUR
OWN,...FOR YOU ARE
UNIQUE AND MORE
WONDROUS THAN
YOU KNOW!”
-LINDA STATEN

Submitted by Tonya Fuller
In Memory of:
Preston Stanfield (Uncle)—U.S. Army
(1946-1991).

William Ruffin—(Uncle) (1949—
2008) Vietnam War (1969-1970)

Submitted by Tonya Fuller
In Honor of:
Jerry Sellars (Uncle)—U.S. Army -
Caswell County Sheriff’s Department.

Tony Poteat (Cousin)—U.S. Army—
Saudi Arabia Persian Gulf (1990—
1993). E-Force Specialty. Motor
Transport Operator. (1993—1997)
National Guard—E-Force Specialty.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been better this year than ever before; well since my pre-teens. For Christmas I would like to have all my bills paid in full and a tank of gas. But even more, I would love to have all my family together to celebrate this special birthday. I pray for lots of blessings and serenity to all the county employees for the upcoming New Year.

Leaving you sugar cookies and Mt. Dew in exchange for your goodies! (Milk is over-rated) Tonya Pegg

Dear Santa,
Most would say I have been a very good girl this year. Personally I think I've been over the top perfect! For Christmas this year I would like the Section 8 Office completely renovated with a Tarheel Theme. I would love for my co-worker Ray to stop stealing my parking space. My car washed for free. A few bags of candy (preferably chocolate, and gift cards to a few restaurants here I town. Thank you Santa! Charity James

Dear Santa,
The Caswell County Public Library has many books about you and your reindeer. However, some of them are worn and torn and need replacing so that the next generation of children can enjoy your stories. Ms. Becky has *Really, Really Tried* to be good this year! Can you please bring her: Puzzles, Board Games for the Teen and Tween programs, Gently used or new books, Children's music and CDs, Plants for the Butterfly Garden, Prizes for Summer Reading Incentives, and a Larger Library to hold everything!!!! (Although this letter is to Santa, we will gladly accept donations for any of the above mentioned items in new or gently used condition.)
Love, Gunn Memorial Public Library

“IT’S GOOD TO HAVE
MONEY AND THE
THINGS THAT
MONEY CAN BUY,
BUT IT’S GOOD,
TOO, TO CHECK UP
ONCE IN A WHILE
AND MAKE SURE
THAT YOU HAVEN’T
LOST THE THINGS
THAT MONEY CAN’T
BUY.”
-GEORGE HORACE
LORIMER

Holiday Spending Survival Guide

By: Melissa Williamsou



Are you crazy for the holidays, spending thousands of dollars on holiday gifts, lights, entertaining, food and decorations each year? If so, you're not alone. Many Americans feel the sting of holiday spending well into the new year. If you love to celebrate the holidays but don't love the financial pinch you experience afterward, there are several great tricks for giving and celebrating, without breaking the bank.

So when you're out battling the holiday crowds and heading to social commitments with family and friends, consider your wallet and protect your budget with these simple tips:

1. Know your limit. Sit down and plan out your holiday budget before you head to the malls this year. Gifts, large or small, can really add up, leaving you with a hefty bill at the end of the season. Use this free [Holiday Budget Calculator](#) to estimate how much you plan to spend on presents. Then keep track of your spending using this [Gift Log](#).

2. Plan ahead. You've done your budget and you're ready to tackle the crowds. Here are a few ways to save on shopping, whether online or in the stores:

- Look for special "savings days" at your favorite retail stores.
- Use coupons from your newspaper, online or in-store.
- Take advantage of free shipping with online purchases. Buy gifts throughout the year, not just during the peak season.

3. Trim your list. Do you really need to exchange gifts with everyone in your family? Consider cutting your list back this year. Or suggest giving a group gift to certain members of your family rather than individual gifts. Just because you had a long gift list last year doesn't mean you need to repeat it this year. You may find that other members of your family love the idea.

4. Reduce your stress. The holiday season is stressful enough with

demands from family and friends, not to mention social commitments for work or other groups. Try to plan ahead as much as possible, avoiding last-minute buys will impact your budget. Also remember to maintain your daily routines to keep stress levels low. If you usually take a walk or go to the gym every day, take the time to continue the habit during the hectic holiday months.

5. Enjoy the season. In the end, the holidays are all about enjoying friends and family. Staying focused on time with loved ones and other joys of the season can help you to keep stress in perspective. If you are hosting holiday parties at your home, use this [Entertainment Planner](#) to plan for the costs. Rather than feeling obligated to host an event every year, suggest a rotation for who will host holiday gatherings. And remember that it's much better to keep spending down and stick to your budget. It's a great feeling to start off the new year on the right financial foot.

Section 8 Housing News

By: Tonya Pegg



Section 8 Housing is excited to announce a new family member; Welcome Breonna Deandria Luck!

Breonna was born at the Women's Hospital on August 09, 2012, weighing 7lbs 6oz. Congratulations to Charity James and Brandon Luck!

Protect Your Pet During Winter and Cold Weather

By: Melissa Williamson

Follow our tips to keep everyone safe and comfortable

In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Extra precautions during winter months will make sure your four-footed family members stay safe and warm.

Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines:

Indoors and warm

Don't leave dogs or cats outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats, are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. No matter what the temperature, wind chill can threaten a pet's life. Regardless of the season, shorthaired, very young, or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.

The best way to keep your pets safe (and happy) is to keep them with you

If your dog spends a lot of time outside

A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If for some reason your dog is outdoors much of the day, he or she must be protected by a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be

raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Keep feral and stray cats warm

If there are ferals or strays in your neighborhood, remember that they need protection from the elements. It's easy to give them shelter.

Keep the water flowing

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

Be careful with cars

Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

Safety and salt

The salt and other chemicals used to

melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe all paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.

Avoid antifreeze

Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Better yet, use antifreeze-coolant made with propylene glycol; if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife, or your family.

Probably the best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are those who are taken out frequently for walks and exercise, but kept inside the rest of the time.



"EVERYTHING
HAS BEAUTY,
BUT NOT
EVERYONE SEES
IT."

-CONFUCIUS

New Human Resources Coordinator

Hey! I am Mindy Satterfield, your new Human Resources person. I am so excited to be here in Caswell County and to be able to serve the fine people of Caswell County Local Government. As many of you may know, I have spent the last 15 years working in Caswell County at a private industry, so I do indeed feel like Caswell County is home to me. I have many years of experience in the Human Resources' field but the local government part is new for me. I always love a challenge and love to learn so I see this as a Big Opportunity for me. Hopefully I can prove to the county that

I, as a Human Resources Professional, can be valuable asset to them. If you have questions (relating to HR issues) please feel free to stop by, call or email me. If I don't know the answer, I will find out for you! My email address is msatterfield@caswellcountync.gov I live in Person County. I am married to Rob Satterfield from Caswell County (yes, he is Robbie Jean's brother). We have two grown children and the most beautiful, perfect 2 year-old granddaughter named Zellie and we have one dog and one cat.



County Employee Picnic

By: Paula Seamster

“OPTIMISM IS THE FAITH THAT LEADS TO ACHIEVEMENT. NOTHING CAN BE DONE WITHOUT HOPE AND CONFIDENCE”
-HELEN KELLER



Debbie Rascoe won the Commissioner's Cup for beating Chairman Hall in a kayak race.



The Department of Social Services was recognized for having the Best Participation as far as how many employees attending the County Employee Picnic.



The Tax Office was recognized for having the Best Percentage of Employees attending the County Employee Picnic



Winner from The Library: Rebecca "Ms. Becky" Dellinger



Winners from DSS (l to r): Sylvia Slade, Dianne Moorefield, Amy Hooker and Debbie Rascoe



Winners from the Tax Office (l to r): Thomas Bernard, Beverly Brown and Ryan Daniel



Winners from EMS (l to r): Michael McMillan and Jonathan Miles

County Employee Picnic (cont'd)

By: Paula Seamster

I would like to thank all the county employees that were able to attend the County Employee Picnic at Farmer Lake on Tuesday, September 25, 2012. There were approximately 70 county employees present. I hope that everyone enjoyed using the kayaks and canoes and playing corn hole.

Six out of the seven County Commissioners were present at the picnic. The County Commissioners cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers as well as served the county employees. Thank you so much County Commissioners for all that you do for the County.

The County is planning to have a County Employee Family Picnic in the Spring so please keep this in mind. If you have any suggestions please let me know.



Debbie asked "Do you want me to wait on you Mr. Hall?"



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PRESERVING
THE PAST,
EMBRACING
THE FUTURE

Movie Review.

By: Rhonda Griffin

Movies (and books) at the library!

The Lucky One (2012)
Based on a book by Nicholas Sparks
101 min - Drama - 20 April 2012 (USA)
Rated PG-13 for some sexuality and violence
Ratings: 6.2/10 from

A Marine travels to Louisiana after serving three tours in Iraq and searches for the unknown woman he believes was his good luck charm during the war.

Director:
Scott Hicks

Writers:
Will Fetters (screenplay), Nicholas Sparks (novel)

Stars:
Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling and Blake Lively



United Way of Caswell County—Frequently Asked Questions By Shannon White

What is United Way of Caswell County?

United Way is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) agency that brings people and communities together to advance the common good. We partner with local nonprofits, businesses, government and social service agencies to address our community's most pressing needs.

Our mission is to mobilize the community by helping people take collective action to create positive, lasting change. We do this by fundraising for local agencies and taking a leadership role in coordinating local initiatives.

Who are your member agencies?

UWCC does not have member agencies, but instead allocates funds raised through a competitive grants process. During our last allocations cycle, we awarded a total of nearly \$15,000 to the following agencies working in Caswell County: Caswell County Senior Center; Caswell County Partnership for Children; Caswell Parish, Caswell 4-H; Caswell Family Medical Center; and the Old North State Council, Boy Scouts of America.

I didn't know we had a United Way, how long have you been here and where has the money come from?

UWCC was formed by an all-volunteer board of directors in 1992. Over the past decade, the majority of the money raised has come from employees working outside of Caswell County, contributing to workplace campaigns held in those counties.

I've heard United Way spends a lot of money on salaries and other administrative cost. Is that true?

Nearly twenty years ago, there was a scandal involving excessive salaries and expenses for a top executive at United Way of America (now United Way Worldwide) and executives at large United Way agencies across the country. That UWA executive spent 7 years in prison for his actions and United Ways changed the way they do business.

It's important to note that currently United Way of Caswell County does not have any paid staff. The organization is run entirely by a volunteer board of directors and volunteer administrator. UWCC is a member of the Caswell County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of North Carolina and United Way Worldwide. We pay dues to those organizations, as well as a post office box rental, postage and accounting fees. For every dollar we raise, only 3 cents go to administrative costs, the other 97 cents goes to local agencies.

We've seen a lot of United Way lately, including campaign materials.

Who paid for that?

UWCC was fortunate to receive a year-long planning grant from the Danville Regional Foundation in July of 2011. That grant funded a temporary part-time planning coordinator to work with the agency to develop a plan to better meet the needs of Caswell County. It also provided funds for outreach materials, such as the campaign brochure and pledge form you have received.

What sort of plan did United Way come up with?

By working with local non-profits, community members and government agencies, UWCC has developed a plan to function as a central hub for the county. This hub is designed to increase local capacity by maximizing available resources through: initiative building; centralized community outreach, fund development (including grant writing) and program administration; training opportunities including board and staff development; volunteer recruitment; and, coordinated assessment and planning. The Hub will also serve as a central intake and referral point for Caswell residents seeking assistance based on a "no wrong door" philosophy that contends that residents should have access to all available community resources regardless of which agency they first encounter.

Wow, who is going to pay for that?

UWCC is currently seeking grant funding for that project.

Meanwhile...

The need in Caswell County is tremendous. There never seems to be enough time, money or people to meet that need. UWCC needs YOUR help to make a difference. Did you know that if every single person living in Caswell County gave \$1 a week, we would raise just over ONE MILLION DOLLARS to allocate to the local agencies who provide services to Caswell residents. Now THAT would make a difference!

Think WE before ME.



LIVE UNITED.

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Happy Birthday Tim Smith</i>	2	3 <i>Happy Birthday Ray Fearrington</i>
4	5 <i>Happy Birthday Jason White Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	6 <i>Happy Birthday Stephen Vernon</i>	7 <i>Happy Birthday Brenda McCollum Judy Slade</i>	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Happy Birthday Christy Marlowe Frank Rose Naomi Stewart (County offices closed)</i>	13 <i>Happy Birthday Susan Cox Thomas Davis Kenneth Everett Betty Hodges</i>	14 <i>Happy Birthday Gordon Satterfield</i>	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday Sylvia Price</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday Brian Collie Tijuana Edwards</i>
18	19 <i>Happy Birthday Jennifer Fain Commissioners' Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	20	21 <i>Happy Birthday Chuvola Johnson Pamela Powell</i>	22 <i>Thanksgiving Day (County offices closed)</i>	23 <i>Happy Birthday Matthew Sidhey (County offices closed)</i>	24 <i>Happy Birthday Carol Dodson Cynthia Jones</i>
25	26	27	28 <i>Happy Birthday Katie Miller Amy Starfield</i>	29	30	

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jeff Sicz</i>
2	3 <i>Commissioners'</i> <i>Meeting—6:30 p.m..</i>	4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Chris Phelps</i> <i>Tonya Wingate</i> <i>Appreciation Luncheon</i>	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Ricki King</i>	6 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Afrika Furlow</i>	7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Michael Allen</i> <i>Will Strader</i>	8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Joyce Rainey</i>
9	10 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Robbie J. Yarbrough</i>	11 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Johnny Hodges</i> <i>Ricky Young</i>	12	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Laura Wilson</i>	14 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Cameron Gannaway</i>	15
16	17 <i>Commissioners'</i> <i>Meeting—6:30 p.m.</i>	18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Rebecca Foster</i> <i>Barry Lynch</i>	19 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Wade Anderson</i> <i>Pamela White</i>	20 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Dalphus Cooper</i> <i>Grace Rudisill</i>	21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Frank Barbour</i>	22
23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>(County offices closed)</i>	25 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Kevin Howard</i> <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>(County offices closed)</i>	26 <i>(County offices closed)</i>	27	28	29
30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Eugene Riddick</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>					