

JCPC News

JCPC Public Awareness Luncheon

On May 6, 2015, the Council held a Public Awareness Luncheon at Caswell Pines featuring key-note speaker Danye Perry, MPA. Mr. Perry works for Communities in Schools of North Carolina as the Director of Program and Youth Development. His presentation focused on "Raising Awareness on Youth and Gangs". He stressed understanding the significance of signs and symbols, gang violence and the influence to youth regardless of age and identifying the gaps in services within our community to provide prevention and intervention programs for youth. A special thank you to programs (Community Service/Restitution, Teen Court, Roots and Wings Parenting Class) for their services to the community.

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

~ Submitted by: *Brenda Day,*
Chairman

Life Skills Classes

Another session of classes has ended. During our last high school Transitions Life Skills class we had a **Toast for Change** with sparkling cider. (This idea was taken from the movie *Freedom Writers* that we had watched earlier.) We all toasted to at least one change we would make; letting go of something negative or grapping hold to something positive. What will you toast to?



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We are completing our second year and very satisfied with the success we have made. During this last year Community Service/Restitution has served 73 youth, Life Skills has served 43 youth and Teen Court has served 55 youth. In addition, one of our youth who served in all three programs graduated June 13th with 4 college acceptance letters! She was granted a full ride into Chowan University where she will major in psychology. In her words, "Thank you so much for helping me and change my attitude. I wouldn't make it this far without you." We can't save them all, but they all know we tried.

Teen Court

The time has come to say farewell and goodbye to our Senior volunteers of Teen Court as they start their journey on building a bright future. Casey Blackman and Nyree Graves have participated in Teen Court for a number of years. They have served as several officers of the court, this year both ladies were attorneys. These young ladies have been vital instruments to the success of the Teen Court program. Both ladies will be attending North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University "Aggie Pride" in the fall. Best of Wishes on your future endeavors!

Roots & Wings Parenting Classes

Roots & Wings has been providing family and youth services for Person County families involved with Juvenile Justice or Social Services since 2002. We believe ALL children deserve to have "roots to grow and wings to fly". Our motto is "helping families be families", knowing that stronger families strengthens our community. We have been providing Parenting classes in Caswell County for a year and a half and recently we were granted the opportunity to work with student groups at the Caswell Alternative School. Caswell has welcomed us and made becoming a member of the JCPC team has been so rewarding. Because of the efforts of the local JCPC Caswell has seen a reduction in money spent on Youth Detention Centers and Youth Development Centers.

Recently, Roots & Wings, along with the JCPC's in Caswell and Person County sponsored an event at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. Lindsey Roberson, ADA in New Hanover and Pender Counties, spoke about human trafficking. There are more people enslaved in the world today than ever before and human trafficking has surpassed gun sales as the second most profitable illegal activity. Most victims are young female sex workers although human labor trafficking is still prevalent. North Carolina is ranked eighth in the nation in volume.

We, Michelle Nance and Ronnie Dunevant, want to thank Caswell for your welcome, support and willingness to team. We look forward to getting to know you better, to earning your trust and to serving you.

Contact information includes:

Website is rootsnwingsofpc.org

Facebook is www.facebook.com/rootsandwingspc

Phone number is 337-322-5437 (KIDS)

We have an office (708) at the Guildford Mills Building on Wall Street

Meet Kelby Oakley

Our middle school Life Skills class was blessed with a visit from Kelby Oakley on August 12th. The class was on 'motivation' and who else better to not only speak about it, but is a living demonstration! He was so nervous that he wrote his story.



My name is Kelby Oakley. I am 16 years old. At the age of 2, I was diagnosed with Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. DMD affects my muscles which has caused me to rely on assistance to get around since I was in the second grade. Along with this challenge, I have had three major surgeries

Leg= done to prolong walking but was unsuccessful

Back= a rod and 34 screws were inserted to help keep me sitting up straight so that I can breathe

Ankle= done to straighten my feet so I can wear shoes

DMD has affected my ability to do simple tasks on my own, and this can be frustrating at times to have to depend on someone to help. I have learned to accept the fact that there are certain things I can no longer do, but there are still so many more things that I can do. I have found accommodations that work for me, allowing me to be normal like everyone else.

Yes, it is hard on a daily basis to have help, to get out of the bed and get dressed, but I do it.

Yes, it is hard knowing I can't run the bases like my brother, but I can cheer him on.

Yes, it is hard that I have to ask for help, but I have a loving mother and family that bends over backwards to assist me

Yes it is hard having to ask others to reposition my arms so I can move in my chair, but I am so thankful that I have been given the technology and devices to help me

Yes, it is hard not being able to drive a four-wheeler, but I can ride with my older brother in my mule through mud holes after being ratchet strapped to the seat

Yes, it is hard. Life is hard. And it would be hard for me, but I don't let any of these things get in my way or hold me back. There are so many people out there who have it worse than me. I make every situation I am faced with into a learning experience and find a way to see the positive in even the hard times.

You may be wondering how do I get through? How do I push through the pain? The only answer I can think of for these questions, is through the love and support of family and friends. And a good sense of humor is not bad either! When something is frustrating, I make it into a joke and laugh about it.

I have also been very blessed to have met such nice and giving people, whose generosity I am forever grateful for. Through their donations, I have been given equipment and chances to do activities that I have only dreamed about doing. Knowing there are people out there who are willing to help individuals like me, pushes me to be a better person because I would not be where I am today or be able to get around without their help.

In 2013 I was given the chance to go on a trip of a lifetime to Alabama and do something I have longed to do. I was given the opportunity to hunt and kill my first buck.

And a few months ago I was given my independence back through the donation of a couple who resides in Texas. They provided funds to buy me a robotic arm. This arm has helped me be a teenager and perform tasks that I have been unable to do for a long time. I can now

- Take off my hat
- Pick something up off the floor
- Clean my room
- Hold my own drink
- Feed myself
- Turn the radio up
- Change the tv channel

The key to moving forward and living life to the fullest in a wheel chair and depending on help, is to never give up. I have faced the pain and hurt with a positive outlook, knowing that my determination would get me through. Sitting around feeling sorry for myself is not something that I do, because it gets me nowhere.



I hope that I can be an inspiration to others by showing that life with a disability is not a disability at all, but a way for me to show others that anything is possible.

Thank you Kelby for inspiring and motivating us!

~Submitted by: Tonya Pegg





Caswell County Tax Office

Welcome Fall...Man has it been HOT in the Courthouse...NO AIR CONDITION for several days!!!

We are more than just a Tax Office; we are like family and we sincerely enjoy helping people.

Our own Tax Director, Thomas Bernard, volunteered to participate on June 5th with the Relay for Life of Caswell County Event in the Dunking Booth. He was joined by other County Officials who also volunteered their time to join in the fun in the Dunking Booth. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your time and support.

Our Volunteers were:

Thomas Bernard, Tax Director

Mindy Satterfield, HR Director

Brian Collie, Town Manager

Dr. Brock Womble, School Superintendent

Bryan Miller, County Manager

Sheriff Michael Welch

Mike Dodson, State Hwy Patrol

Eugene Riddick, Sheriff's Dept.

Melissa Teets, BY Basketball Coach

Ginny Mitchell, Register of Deeds – helped with games in Children's Corner

Jennifer Hammock, Deputy Register of Deeds – Face Painting & games in Children's Corner



We would like to Congratulate Sylvia Johnson on her Retirement from the Tax Office on June 30, 2015 with 32+ years of service. After years of hard work and dedication, now it's time for her to take a permanent vacation!! **Best Wishes Sylvia!!!**

~Submitted by: Jonna Lunsford

Senior Center News

Every year, the Senior Center staff collects school supplies, packs them into backpacks and distributes them to grandparents of Caswell County who are raising their grandchildren. This year was no different. Donations started coming in during the middle of June and continued to come in through August. Through the generosity of our center participants and Caswell residents, we were able to help 5 different families (some with multiple children). Twelve students will be able to start the year off with everything they need for the school year (plus more). We cannot say thank you enough to those who donated supplies as well as helped pack the backpacks! It's a humbling experience to help someone - even more so when that someone is a child. The longer I work in Caswell County, the more I see our community stepping up to help others – whether it is by donating items to a local organization or project, or by simply telling someone to “have a blessed day”. It makes me proud to not only work in Caswell, but to also be a resident.



This is Arianna. She will be starting Pre-K this year. Her grandmother signed Arianna and her sister, MaKayla, up for our Back to School Program.

*~ Submitted By:
Katey Briggs, Senior Center*





**3rd Annual
Caswell Breast Cancer
5K Trail Fun Run/Walk
1Mile Kids Run**

Saturday, October 10, 2014
Registration/Check in 8-9 AM
Kid's race starts at 9:15
5K starts following Kids Race
Location: Fire Tower Rd, Yanceyville NC

5K Entry Fees

Adults.....\$20.00 Kids 12 & under.....\$10.00

2015 Registration Form

For registration forms please contact Barry Lynch at 694-1268.

Sponsored By: Caswell Emergency Management & Sheriff's Department
Prizes given in each age group and over all male and female



There are bitter sweet feelings when it comes to our children returning to school. The pressure or the bliss is not only felt by the children but also the parents or caregivers. I went around the Department of Social Services offices to find out what are some of the stresses and joys of sending our children back to school. I found out the stress and the joy for each parent was different depending on the age, school, and the activity level of each child.

Caregivers to the preschoolers, those that would be Head Start and Pre K, for some it will be first time attending school. Parents are stressed of their children going into classrooms and not knowing anyone, leaving mommy for the first time, and not know how they will react all day in a new environment. They have the joy of experiencing the first steps of their child's education. There are no school supplies you need to purchase, no school lunch to pay, and very little home work for these children. Parents were happy to see them grow.

Elementary school is not much different from preschool. Parents are unhappy about buying all these supplies, not know exactly what is needed, and having to buy extras. I think them not knowing was the frustrating part. Getting the younger children back in the routine of getting up early, doing home work and some separating anxiety are stressors for parents. Some of the joys do not have to pay for school lunch, home work easy enough to help them, and no more summer daycare bills. These parents are excited about school starting.

Well the middle school parents were stressed about their child going off to a new school where there child will be meeting new friends, harder school work, and more responsibility. The expectations are higher for the child and the parent. Yes there are supplies to buy and school lunches to pay. This age is when most parents are happy to see them off to school doing something productive and getting back into sports. Some even felt they wanted more summer with their child.

Chrome books, notebooks, special book bags, folders, pens, pencils, and other supplies it is like a money racket said one parent. High school years are the most stressful and costly time for parents. This may the first year that your child will be in classes with upper classmen, taking college prep classes, and learning to balance schedules. There are those parents that are facing their senior year, stressed with preparing their life after graduation. They are stressed with scholarships, colleges, or military. Not to mention the activities of senior year prom, cap and gown, and pictures. But the joys of their bills go down due to having child back in school, children driving themselves to school, and parents having days off without children.

All in all the parents love their children, miss their children and excited to see them go and grow. ~Submitted by: Yvette Williams

Congratulations!



Magan Allen will be getting married to Boone Seamster on Saturday, November 7, 2015.



The Poetry Project

Presents

A Spoken Word Workshop for Teens

@ Gunn Memorial Public Library

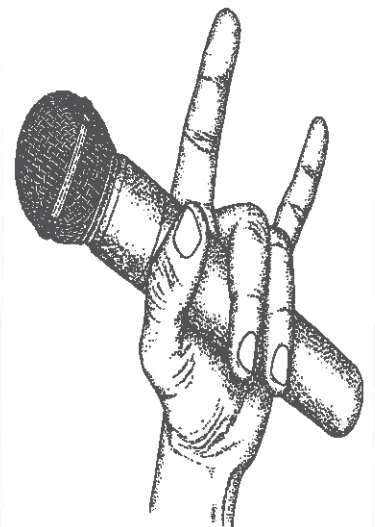
For more information
call 336.694.6241



Jeshus Thompson III, Director

The Poetry Project is an organization that prides itself in using poetry to teach, inspire and build the communities that we call home. Through structured workshops, poetry slams and open mics, we create safe spaces to share our lives and tell our stories...

During these workshops, teens will learn how poetry can be used for positive changes in their lives and to address problems, formulate solutions, battle peer pressure and expand the message of tolerance and diversity.



Wednesdays

3:30-5:30

September 2

September 30

September 9

October 7

September 16

October 14

September 23

October 21

This program is sponsored by the Danville Regional Foundation & Averett University.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY!



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 6 – 12) - Every Tuesday at 3:30 pm beginning Sept 1st

Sept 1st – Homemade ice cream :D

Sept 8th - Sarah Beth Nelson will be performing for the Book Baggers in collaboration with the State Library and the North Carolina Storytelling Guild's 100 County Storytelling Journey leading up to The Heart of North Carolina Storytelling Festival on Sept. 25-26 in Greensboro, NC.



Sept 15- Mrs. Janie's daughter may be coming to talk to the bookbaggers about her experiences at the Conservator's Center as well as share pictures. Following will be an art project related to the topic.



Sept 22nd – Movie Day!!! The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water
We will be having a Movie Day the week of the book sale Sept. 22 for the bookbaggers/public. We will be showing the new SpongeBob movie that recently came out on DVD.



STORY TIME (AGES 0 – 5) - Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am beginning Sept. 9th

We are planning to begin A-Z Animals at the Library the first wed. of October but I'm reluctant to set a date in stone without having booked an animal for A. I have reached out to 4-H who in turn will be reaching out to Livestock and I am waiting to hear back word from them. If anyone else knows of other possible resources, please feel free to share. ☺

Anyone have a friendly opossum or quail
or any other animal that they would like to show and tell?

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The preK groups from Oakwood and South (approx. 36 children) will be visiting the library for half hour storytimes on the following dates. Oct. 9th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 12, March 11th, and April 8th.

GMPPL's Weekly Teen Program

Begins Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 3:30!!!!

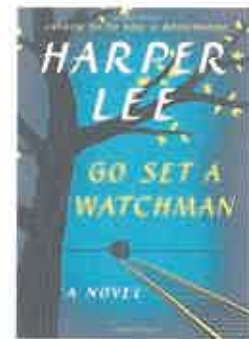
Here's The Fall Schedule!!!!

August 27	First Meeting/Make Book Club Selection/Teen Input
September 3	Tattoo a Banana
September 10	GET A JOB!!!! Identifying Interests and Skills
September 17	Open Game Room/Xbox 360
September 24	Book Club
October 1	Minute to Win It!
October 8	GET A JOB!!!! Filling out a Job Application
October 15	Book Club
October 22	Open Game Room/Xbox 360
October 29	Halloween Party/Movie Showing
November 5	GET A JOB!!!! Creating a winning Resume
November 12	Open Game Room/Xbox 360
November 19	Book Club Movie Showing
November 26	No Meeting/Thanksgiving Day!!!

Library Programs For Adults:

Book Club - Go Set A Watchman
By Harper Lee

September 14, 2015
6:00 pm
Library Meeting Room

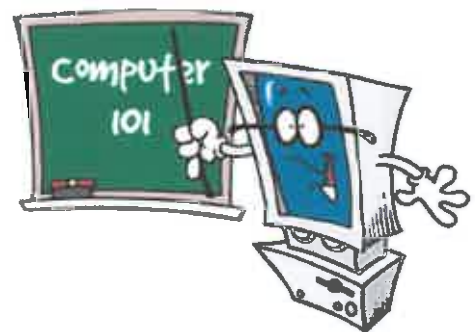


Intermediate Computer Classes

**Sign up for free intermediate computer classes!
Every Saturday in September at 10:00am**

Learn how to create fill out an online application and create a resume!

Preregistration is required and space is limited, so sign up early!!!



Farmer Lake held it's Annual Kid's Fish and Fun Day on Saturday, August 15, 2015. About 80 kids received a hot dog lunch and a free fishing rod.



The Farmer Lake Kid's Fish and Fun Day is sponsored by the Farmer Lake Board and the Caswell County Board of Commissioners.

Take time to take a kid fishing!!!!
It will be a day that you will always remember.

Happy Birthday !!

EMPLOYEE

DEPARTMENT

BIRTHDATE

SEPTEMBER

June Dailey	Tax	4
Darrell McLean	Schools Resource Officer	6
Shannon Tickle	Health	7
Larry Hamlett	Commissioner	8
Bernardo Wiley	DSS	8
Mary Harrelson	DSS	10
Babby Wiley	Health	10
Alexandria Rimmer	Health	12
Karen Pichardo	Detention Center	15
Spencer Rivers	EMS	16
April McKinney	Health	17
Ashley Collins	DSS	19
Dwayne Doss	Sheriff	19
Wendy Fields	Health	22
Teresa Roberts	Family Services	22
Dustin Smithey	Animal Control	23
Ginny Mitchell	Register of Deeds	23
John Loftis	Sheriff	24
Jackie Little	Sheriff	26
Stephanie Luck	Detention	29
Tammy Hodges	DSS	30
Lisa Raines	EMS	30

OCTOBER

Rita Simon	Senior Services	1
Jacob Miller	Sheriff	1
Tonya Breedlove	DSS	5
Beverly Gwynn	Maintenance	5
Sandra Tate	Health	5
Daniel Sloan	Sheriff	7
Heather Starr	DSS	7
Jonna Lunsford	Tax	10
Thomas Bernard	Tax	11
Wesley Harrington	Sheriff	12
Tony Durden	Sheriff	14
Shanna Poole	Family Services	15
Ajarie Holman	Library	17
Lekisha Anderson	DSS	19
Rhonda Griffin	Library	19
Lisa Anderson	DSS	20
Charleste Bigelow	DSS	25
Casey Moore	Health	27
Sylvia Slade	DSS	28
Magan Allen	DSS	30

Upcoming Events

County Commissioners' Meetings

Tuesday, September 8th & Monday, September 21st
Monday, October 5th & Monday, October 19th

Community Events

Saturday, September 19th – Hoedown
Wednesday, September 30th – United Way Hot Dog Lunch
Saturday, October 10th – Caswell Breast Cancer 5K Trail Fun Run/Walk

Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, December 3rd



Preserving the Past . . .



Embracing the Future!

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