

### Showdown on the Playground Kickball Tournament

Submitted by: Paula Seamster



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On Saturday, June 15, 2019, Caswell County Government held a countywide kickball tournament. This kickball tournament was made possible through The Health Collaborative 2018 THRIVE! Challenge in which Caswell County was awarded \$500 to hold a wellness event. The \$500 was used to purchase the kickballs, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies, and kickball medallions for each of the participants. Eight teams signed up to play kickball on Saturday but only seven teams were able to play. The day was filled with lots of laughter and screams of encouragement from the stands. The games started at 3:00 p.m. and ended at 7:00 p.m. The 7 teams that participated were: Oakwood Eagles, Lightning Strikers, Slim Kickins, EMS Shockers, Caswell Family Medical Center Kickers, Saved by the Ball and Oakwood One Kick Wonders. The game between the CFMC Kickers and the Oakwood Eagles was the most intense game of all. This game determined who would finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. After 45 minutes of play the game went into 3 extra innings to finally deem the Oakwood Eagles the winner. The final game was between the Oakwood Eagles and the EMS Shockers and this game was pretty intense as well but the EMS Shockers finished on top proclaiming them as the 1<sup>st</sup> Caswell County Showdown on the Playground Kickball Tournament winners. I personally would like to thank Mindy Satterfield, Commissioner David Owen, Vennie Beggarly, Maggie Brewer, Lindsay Yarborough, Steve Yarborough and David Brown for volunteering to be scorekeepers and umpires for this tournament, without your help this tournament would not have been possible so thank you very much. A great big thank you to Rickey Blackstock, P&R Director, Laura Young, Program Coordinator and Harold Williamson, Facilities Coordinator, for allowing the Wellness Committee to use the Recreation Facility for this tournament.



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Champions – EMS Shockers

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## Showdown on the Playground Kickball Tournament (Cont'd)



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Oakwood Eagles



3<sup>rd</sup> Place – CFMC Kickers



Slim Kickins



Lightning Strikers



Oakwood One Kick Wonders



Saved By The Ball



# Caswell County Teen Court

Submitted by: Tonya Pegg

Caswell County Teen Court volunteers attended the North Carolina Teen Court Association 2019 Summit April 12 – 15. The Summit involves a Mock Trial Competition, speakers, a dance, and a fun opportunity for the Teen Court teen volunteers to meet other youth from around the state. The Summit is an opportunity for youth to engage in competition and apply the skills they have learned throughout the year as Teen Court volunteers. This year thirteen counties from across the state gathered to compete in the mock trial competition. BYHS Senior Hannah Cates won Best Trial Attorney in Courtroom B. We also took an educational fieldtrip to the N.C. Legislative Building, N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, and the N.C. Museum of History.



Teen Court is an alternative system of justice which offers first-time juvenile offenders an opportunity to take responsibility for their offenses through community service and other educational opportunities. Teen Court also provides a “hands on” educational experience for student volunteers in our justice system. Teen Court does not determine guilt or innocence; rather, it recommends a constructive sanction for the juvenile defendant that includes restitution, community service hours and educational classes. A juvenile referred to Teen Court appears before a jury of peers and is defended and prosecuted by peers. Evidence from many sources indicates that not only do young people stay out of trouble following a Teen Court appearance, but the program also saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in community expense and allows the juvenile court system to concentrate more time and energy on critical juvenile offenders. Caswell County offers Teen Court to middle and high school students. Caswell County Teen Court is a component of the Caswell County Youth Outreach/Enrichment Program under the management of the Caswell County Sherriff’s Department. The program is funded through the County of Caswell and the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice.



Front Row: Tonya Pegg (Coordinator), Shaya Haith, Hannah Cates, and Kali Simpson  
Back Row: Carleigh Robison, Abril Graves, Nikaya Graves, Danasha Streater, Grace Moore, KyRie Siddle, and Jared Turner.  
Not pictured: Lydia Moore, Audrey Ribelin, and chaperones Thomas & Lynn Simpson.

# Employee News

## Teen Court

### Abril Graves

Abril “Abby” Shantel Graves, daughter of LaTia Graves and Antoine Wingate, has volunteered with Teen Court for 6 years. She served as a Juror, Jury Foreperson and Bailiff.



Abby graduated from Bartlett Yancey Senior High School. She was a member of the Allied Health Sciences Program and volunteered at Rainbow Child Development Center, Noah’s Ark Educational Center, and the Caswell County Parish. In the fall she will be attending Piedmont Community College majoring in Early Childhood Development. After obtaining an Associate Degree, her desire is to attend North Carolina Agricultural Technical University to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. Her career goal is to become a lead teacher working with preschool children, including children with exceptionalities, as well as working with the families of children. My hope is to make a difference every day in the life of a child.

Thank you Abby for your many years in Teen Court! This definitely won’t be the last time I get to brag about you.

### Nikaya Graves



Nikaya “Kiya” Mynae’ Graves, daughter of Kenyada Graves and the late Yolanda Sellars, has volunteered with Teen Court for 6 years. She served as a Juror, Jury Foreperson and Defense Attorney.

Nikaya graduated from Bartlett Yancey Senior High School. She was involved in the Allied Health Sciences Program, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and Varsity Basketball Manager. In the fall she will be attending Piedmont Community College majoring in nursing. After obtaining an Associate Degree, her desire is to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing concentrating in Geriatrics. Her career goal is to become a nurse working with the aging population to make sure that they are taken care of properly.

Thank you Nikaya for your many years in Teen Court! I’m sure this will be only the first of many proud, successful moments for you.

# Employee News

## Teen Court (Cont'd)

### Hannah Cates

Hannah Cates, daughter of Pauletta Cates, has volunteered with Teen Court for 7 years. She has been a valued asset for the program as she can fill any position needed but her main positions are Defense and Prosecution Attorney. Hannah has won awards at the annual Teen Court Summit while competing against youth from across North Carolina. Hannah graduated from Bartlett Yancey High School with a PCC Scholarship. Her future plans are to become a labor and delivery nurse and to go far in life. The medical field is perfect for Hannah since she is a caretaker and is affectionately referred to as “Momma”.



Hannah states, “I just want to thank God and my family for the support they continue to give me.”

Thank you Hannah for the many hours you have given Teen Court and always remember there is no limit to what you can do if you keep believing in yourself!

## Youth Enrichment

### Jadian Tate



Jadian Davon Tate, grandson of Tonya Pegg in the JCPC Youth Department, graduated from fifth grade at South Elementary School on June 7, 2019. Jadian is 10 years old and enjoys all sports, especially basketball. He is excited about being a middle-schooler. He is the son of Clay Tate and Terrie Poteat.

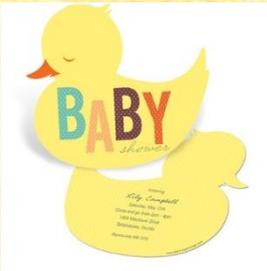
# Employee News

## Maintenance

### Jaleni Poteat

Jaleni Poteat graduated June 8, 2019 fro Bartlett Yancey High School. Jaleni is employed with the Caswell County Maintenance Department.

Congratulations!!



### Ariyah Reign Tarpley



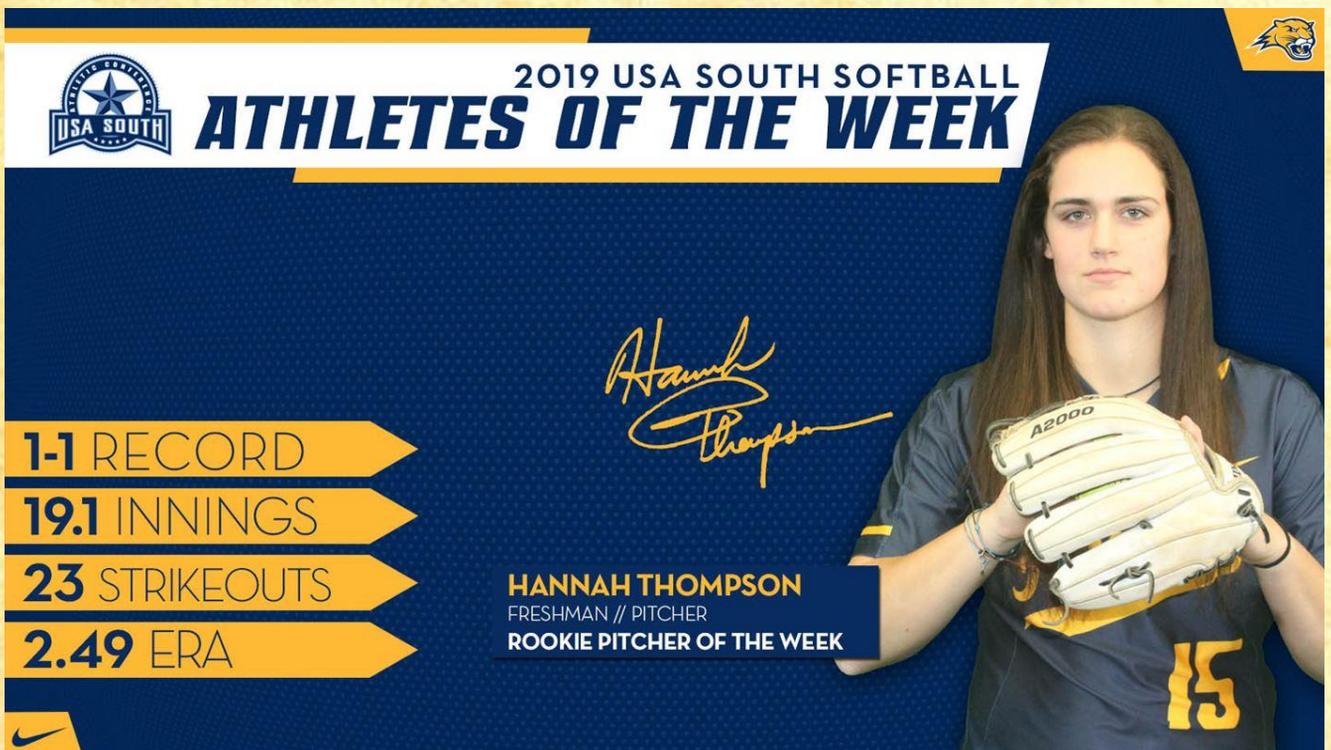
On June 15, 2019 at 4:45 p.m., Ariyah Reign Tarpley was born to Myracle Connally and Jonathan Tarpley. Myracle works seasonally at the Parks & Rec. Ariyah is the granddaughter of Calvin (Maintenance) and Wanda (DSS) Connally.

# Employee News

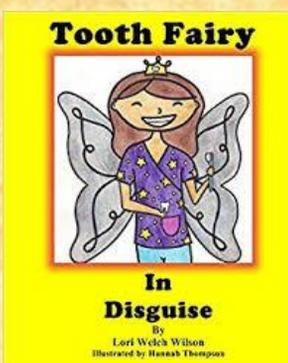
## Soil & Water

Hannah Thompson, daughter of Mitch and Rhonda Thompson, attends Averett University in Danville, VA. Hannah appeared in 47 games, making 46 starts as a freshman. She lead Averett with a .415 average, 61 hits, 18 doubles, 9 home runs and 42 RBIs. Hannah collected 41 runs scored, one triple and 11 stolen bases. She pitched in 32 games, making 18 starts in the circle. Hannah amassed a 17-6 record with a team-leading 2.24 earned run average and a 127 strikeouts in 134.2 innings pitched. She was named to the 2019 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-American Second Team honors as a utility player. Hannah was selected to the NFCA All-Region First Team at utility. She earned USA South Conference Rookie Pitcher of the Year honors. Hannah was names USA South All-Conference First Team and East Division First Team At-large honors. She was voted to the USA South All-Tournament Team as a pitcher. Hannah was names Freshman Female Athlete of the Year and earned USA South Rookie Pitcher of the Week honors six times. She was names USA South Rookie of the Week on April 15<sup>th</sup> and voted DIII National Player of the Week by Fastpitch News on March 19.

Hannah also did all the illustrations for Lori Welch in the book Tooth Fairy in Disguise and enjoys working with wood.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a white banner at the top that reads "2019 USA SOUTH SOFTBALL ATHLETES OF THE WEEK". On the left, four yellow arrow-shaped boxes point right, containing the statistics: "1-1 RECORD", "19.1 INNINGS", "23 STRIKEOUTS", and "2.49 ERA". In the center, there is a signature of Hannah Thompson in gold cursive. To the right, a photograph of Hannah Thompson in a grey softball uniform with the number 15 is shown, holding a white A2000 softball glove. Below the photo, text identifies her as "HANNAH THOMPSON FRESHMAN // PITCHER ROOKIE PITCHER OF THE WEEK". Logos for USA South and Averett University are also present.



(Hannah made both of these items)

# Employee News

## 4-H Investigates

4-H is in full swing this summer with its theme 4-H investigates. Brandi Boaz, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, has the summer all planned out for 4-Hers. The first week of summer camps was spent learning from the Caswell County Beekeepers Association as well as helping the Veterans put out the flags on the Square and Historic Courthouse for Flag Day.



At left: Robert Neal teaches 4-Hers about bees.

Below: VFW Post 7316 with 4-Hers before flags were installed on the Square.



The second week was even busier. 4-H met with the Caswell County Sheriff's Department on safety, the Caswell County School System, Paula Seamster for a tour of the Historic Courthouse, Jail and Poteat Schoolhouse, Angie Strader and the local branch of the FBI.



Counties represented by the 4-Hers was Caswell, Person, Rockingham and Stokes.

# Employee News

## Cooperative Extension

*Submitted by: Barbara Hughes*

For 38 years I worked for Florida Extension in a county of 450,000 people. I frequently did program reviews in rural counties and was always humbled by what I saw Extension doing for Rural Counties. Therefore, when I was asked to come and be an Interim County Extension Director for 4-5 months in Caswell County I jumped at the chance.

I had no idea how skeptical people would be of me! And, I had no idea how much I'd fall in love with the people in Caswell County and with North Carolina. I've never experienced any Season. Every day in Spring blew me away. I'd never seen a real daffodil except for sale in a flower shop. I never knew trees could totally flower and then lose those flowers and be totally green. I saw fallow land turn into hay bales and fresh mounds of dirt turn into spectacular tobacco fields.

But the people were even better than all of the beautiful landscapes. I saw a County Manager and Commissioners work for days to provide due diligence with tax payers monies. I saw hundreds of people come out to the opening of a Library Event. Monthly homemade lunches were provided by our Local Foods Council from our local farms with the sole intent of getting people together to talk to each other. There is a Farmers Market with a hidden mission to introduce kids to new healthy foods they might never have tasted AND grants were written to help those families to partially pay for that local healthy food. There are Volunteer Firefighters that take the tests and classes and risk their lives for all the people here – and they do it without pay. There is Piedmont Community College that will provide people with two year degree programs to help them get on their feet and ready for work. I saw a fantastic Senior Center with a full parking lot all of the time and a Health Department providing much needed community help.

The first thing I did each morning was to open the window in my office so I could hear Church bells ring with songs reminding me of my religious freedom and ringing again at five reminding me of my American freedoms. Thank You Caswell County. Thank you for teaching me about North Carolina hot dogs, barbeque and hospitality. I have felt blessed and enriched. I will always keep the county and people of Caswell County in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Thank you.–



Barbara Hughes, thank you for coming to Caswell County and for making a difference in our Cooperative Extension office. You will surely be missed! Please come back to visit.

# Employee News

## Teen Court Annual Quarter Auction

*Submitted by: Tonya Pegg*

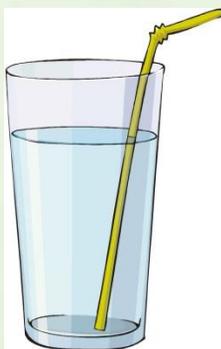
Teen Court will host their annual Quarter Auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Southern Caswell Ruritan. Doors open at 9:00am and the auction begins at 9:45am. Tickets are \$5 and include entry, one bidding paddle, and a light lunch. You'll need to bring two rolls of quarters for bidding. Tickets will be available in July and are limited. Please contact Tonya Pegg for additional information. 336-694-1725 or [tpegg@caswellcountync.gov](mailto:tpegg@caswellcountync.gov).



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## Top 7 Summer Health Tips

1. **Hydrate.** The benefits of hydration are plentiful. Drinking the recommended eight to ten glasses of water a day can help prevent illness, keep your bones and muscles health, help you maintain your weight, improve brain function and best of all, fuel your activities throughout the day.
2. **Eat Fresh.** Summer means fresh produce! Visit your local farmers' market or grocery store and you'll see healthy fruits and vegetables of every color.
3. **Transform Activities into Exercise.** Warm summer weather means that you can spend a lot of time outdoors being active. Regular exercise has been shown to improve heart health, reduce pain and improve stress.
4. **Stay Shady.** We all love the summer heat, but it is important to stay in the shade whenever possible. Try to limit your time in the direct sunshine between 10 am and 4 pm, when UV exposure is at its peak.
5. **Plan a Personal Vacation.** A vacation to get away from work or obligations is a must this summer to re-energize and re-fuel.
6. **Disconnect.** Disconnect from the internet, put down those smart phones and see a world without selfies, hashtags, and videos. Enjoy life without technology and engage in conversations and activities that encourage socialization with other people.
7. **Sleep Well.** Sleep plays a vital role in your health and well-being. Getting enough quality sleep at the right times can help protect your mental and physical health, safety and quality of life.



# Happy Birthday !!

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDATE
		JULY
MARCY WILLIAMS	HEALTH	1
NICHOLAS JULIUS	EMS	1
JENNIFER HAMMOCK	FINANCE	6
LAUREN HUDSON	DSS	6
AVA BRACKIN	REGISTER OF DEEDS	6
BETH JONES	HEALTH	7
RHONDA PLEASANT	HEALTH	8
DIANNE MOOREFIELD	DSS	9
JESSICA TUCKER	EMS	9
CHERYL HUSKEY	HEALTH	10
JEANNIE LOVELACE	DETENTION	10
JASON WATLINGTON	EMS	11
CYNTHIA TROXLER	SENIOR SERVICES	15
MELISSA POOLE	SHERIFF	18
CAROLINE CURRY	SHERIFF	18
CHELSEA MARTINEZ	DSS	18
RICKEY BLACKSTOCK	RECREATION	20
MEGAN TURNER	DETENTION	26
EMILY HODGES	HEALTH	28
ANGELA BENSON	DSS	28
MATTHEW HOAGLAND	PLANNING	29

# Happy Birthday !!

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDATE
		AUGUST
MICHAEL ADKINS	SHERIFF	1
DONNIE POWELL	HEALTH	2
KEITH FUQUA	LANDFILL	3
ANGY TURNER	SECTION 8 HOUSING	8
CHARLIE KING	FARMER LAKE	13
CALVIN CONNALLY	MAINTENANCE	13
DONNA GRAVES	DSS	13
LINDSAY BARTON	DSS	14
BRIA WILSON	SHERIFF	14
LAURA YOUNG	RECREATION	16
LEA WALTERS	CATS	19
LISA BARNETT	DSS	22
TAMMY PASCHAL	DSS	23
TONYA PEGG	YOUTH ENRICHMENT	23
PAULA SEAMSTER	ADMINISTRATION	24
KEYON ROBINSON	DETENTION	25
ASHLEY KIRBY	ADMINISTRATION	26
MITCH THOMPSON	SOIL & WATER	27
JEREMIAH JEFFERIES	COMMISSIONER	28
VINCENT CORBETT	SHERIFF	30
DANIELLE ELMORE	HEALTH	31

# Happy Birthday !!

EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDATE
		SEPTEMBER
JUNE DAILEY	TAX	4
BRIAN SHULER	SHERIFF	4
DARRELL MCLEAN	SHERIFF	6
LUKE MYERS	HEALTH	7
JONATHAN ELIXSON	SHERIFF	8
BERNARDO WILEY	DSS	8
MARY HARRELSON	DSS	10
BABBY WILEY	HELATH	10
KAREN PICHARDO	DETENTION	15
CODY REDDEN	SHERIFF	17
ASHLEY COLLINS	DSS	19
JOSH KYLANDER	SHERIFF	20
WILLIAM GRAVES	MAINTENANCE	20
TERESA DAWSON	FAMILY SERVICES	22
GINNY MITCHELL	REGISTER OF DEEDS	23
DUSTIN SMITHEY	ANIMAL CONTROL	23
COREY TURNER	SHERIFF	23
JOHN LOFTIS	SHERIFF	24
SONYA PATTERSON	COOPERATIVE EXT.	24
VICKY FUTCH	HEALTH	26
MARY SUSAN JESSERER	HEALTH	26
JACKIE LITTLE	SHERIFF	26
STEPHANIE LUCK	DETENTION	29
TAMMY HODGES	DSS	30
CASIE MEDLEY	COOPERATIVE EXT.	30

## Upcoming Events

### Caswell County Board of Commissioners Meetings

Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.  
Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.  
Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. (Labor Day)  
Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

### Caswell County Hoedown

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Caswell County Blood Drive** – Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Senior Center

*Preserving the Past. . .*



*Embracing the Future*

## Newsletter Staff

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Jonna Lunsford, DSS

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Rhonda Griffin, Library  
Tonya Pegg, Youth Outreach  
Paula Seamster, Administration  
Melissa Williamson, CATS

