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Gunn Memorial Public Library

By Rhonda Griffin



Author:
Agatha Mystry

Whodunnit? - Murder in the Library Fundraiser Play!

The Caswell Friends of the Library is organizing a murder mystery play at the Gunn Memorial Public Library on Friday, April 13, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 14, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available at

the library.

Beloved Author, Agatha Mystry, will be signing her newly released book, "Deader Than a Doornail", when something dreadful happens! Help us find out "Who Done It" in this fun filled interactive murder mystery. (It might even be someone you know!) Suspects in this over the top mystery includes our very own:

Commissioner Nate Hall—The Governor
Keith Bowling—Deputy, Sam Slayed
Odessa Gwynn—Book Critic, Page Turner
Paula Seamster—Movie Star, J'Lo Bennifer
Rhonda Griffin—Spinster Librarian, Lotta Books
Stuart Watlington—Book Publisher, Dell Doubleday
Don Loper—Book Seller, Dalton B. Walden

Light Refreshments will be served at intermission. Test your CSI skills while supporting your library!

E-Readers

Wondering which type of e-reader best suits you? We are excited to announce that the Library received \$2,000 from the Community Foundation for the purchase of three e-readers: iPad, Kindle Fire, and the Nook Table. These e-readers are available for demonstration purposes (not available for check out) at the library's circulation desk. Play with each e-reader to see which one you prefer.

This summer we will be joining forces with several other NC libraries to provide thousands of current, best-sellers, and children's e-books, which will be available for download to your own personal e-reader!

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Board of Elections

The Presidential Primary is coming up on May 8th, less than two months away! If you have made any changes that may affect your voter registration, now is the time to let us know. This would include name change, change in party affiliation or address change, even if you just moved across the street. Don't assume that changing your address on your driver's license automatically changes your voter registration. If you have any questions about your voter registration call or come by our office and we will make sure that your voter registration is correct. Making necessary changes is simple and takes only a few minutes.

The following are some important dates to keep in mind:

- Monday, March 19 – First day to request absentee ballots
- **Friday, April 13** **Deadline for voter registration or changes to voter registration in order to vote on May 8 in Primary**
- Thursday, April 19 – One-stop absentee voting begins for Primary (at Board of Elections office, lower level of courthouse)
- Tuesday, May 1 – Last day to request absentee ballots in writing
- Saturday, May 5 – One stop absentee voting ends at

By: Terri Young, Paula Seamster

1:00 pm. This is the only Saturday for one stop voting. You can vote on this day from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

● Monday, May 7 – Mailed absentee ballots must be received in BOE office by 5:00 pm

● Tuesday, May 8 – Primary Day. Polls are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm

The Board of Elections website is a great resource for more information including sample ballots, district maps, voter registration requirements and more. The address is www.caswellcountync.gov/county/depts/boardelec.htm

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Family Services “House of Esther”

Uncertainty is the mark of today’s world. In the fast paced, global world today, people barely have a moment to spare to look around at their surroundings. Unfortunately, there are some of our neighbors who are unable to cope with the ever changing world and are caught up in bad jobs and even worse living conditions. For such individuals, Family Services is able to provide a good temporary shelter and home for those who really need it.

This agency aims to be able to support families in need by providing housing and food on a temporary basis to those people who have fallen victim to domestic

violence and are in need. However, this agency is a non-profit agency. They are currently in need of your donations which would be used to maintain the agency and help their residents.

Family Services offer victims of domestic violence a safe, secure and protected place to get their lives back in order. They provide aid in helping their clients find alternate housing, job searches, as well as referral to agencies that can accommodate their multitude of needs.

Shanna Poole director “I would like to ask for any donations you can make to help the other less fortunate people to get back up on

their feet again and start their lives anew. Make a difference.”

Family Services accepts donations of any measure, i.e. financial, paper products (bathroom tissue, paper towels), bedding, canned foods, cleaning products (laundry detergent, Comet, Pine-Sol), gift cards or anything your heart leads you to donate.

A single grain of sand can tip the scale. Even just one kind soul can indeed make a difference. Be the grain that tips the scale towards the alleviation of the need of the Victims of Domestic Violence at the House of Esther. For inquiries on how to donate call 694-5655

By: Shanna Poole / Calvin Connolly

Farmer Lake

Farmer Lake is located at 3268 Badgett Sisters Parkway. The annual permit per boat is \$45.00. They also issue a per day fishing permit for \$10.00. For a kayak or canoe it is \$5.00 per day. Farmer Lake is open to the public from March 1st through October 31st, Monday—Saturday, 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Farmer Lake will be holding a Bass Tournament on March

24th and 25th. Start time is 7:00 a.m. on both days. Weigh in will be at 3:00 p.m. on both days. This tournament is a 2 man team tournament. The cost to enter is \$50.00 per boat. On Saturday, June 16, 2012 (rain date June 23, 2012) the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) will host a child-oriented and family fun festival at Farmer Lake called the River Daze Festival. The River Daze Festival will

engage children with nature while recreating and enjoying the outdoors.

By: Charlie King / Paula Seamster



County Board and Commission Vacancies

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners would like for any individuals who are interested in serving on the following Boards or Committees to contact Paula Seamster, Clerk to the Board, at (336)694-4193, Ext. 106, or pseamster@caswellcountync.gov

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Board of Health
- Farmer Lake Board
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

- Person-Caswell Lake Authority
- Planning Committee for Services to the Elderly
- Recreation Commission
- Senior Center Advisory Committee

The deadline for applications will be Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

If you have any friends or family who would like to get involved in the com-

munity this is a good way to give back to the community. Most of the committees meet once a month or quarterly.



By: Paula Seamster

New Faces in Caswell County Government

By: Paula Seawster

Ryan Daniel is the new face in the Tax Office. Ryan is the new Business/Personal Property Tax Appraiser for that office. Ryan has lived in Caswell County all of his life and attended school here. He graduated from Bartlett Yancey High School in 2006. He played baseball all four years and graduated at the top of his class. Ryan graduated from Hampden-Sydney in May of 2010 with a Bachelors degree in Economics and Commerce. Ryan graduated HSC—cum laude and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. While at Hampden-Sydney he also played baseball. The first two years he play outfield and his last two years he pitched.

After graduation Ryan came back to Caswell County where he started to work as a landscaper for Cedar Ridge Farm & Landscaping. He also was the pitching coach for Danville Community College. When asked what was the most challenging part of his job Ryan said that the most challenging is all the different forms and that he had to pay very close attention to detail. Good luck to you Ryan and we hope that you stay a very long time.

Terri Young is the new face in the Board of Elections' office. She is the new Assistant Director of Elections. Terri has 3 daughters: Jessica, Melissa and Laura. Jessica graduated from N.C. State and lives in Richmond County. Melissa attends UNC-

Wilmington and Laura is a 4th grader at North Elementary. In her spare time, Terri enjoys spending time with her daughters hiking, canoeing, kayaking and anything outdoors. When Terri talks about her daughters she lights up. Terri told me that she really enjoys going fossil hunting with her youngest daughter, Laura.

Before coming to the county, Terri worked in the mortgage business for 20 years. Terri graduated from N.C. State and is presently enrolled in college to continue her education.

When asked what was the most challenging thing about her new job, Terri stated it would be filling Mary Jo's shoes. Terri stated that the most rewarding thing about her new job is the interaction with the citizens of Caswell County.

Colon Cassady is the new Maintenance Director for the County. He has lived in Pelham all of his life. Colon worked for Dan River for 37 years as a Maintenance Supervisor. He also worked for Curtis Company. Colon has two daughters: Crystal Carter and Danielle Taylor. Crystal works at North Elementary and Danielle works at K.B. Hamlett Insurance. In his spare time, Colon plays golf and restores cars. He enjoys talking about old cars, especially his baby (The Mustang). When asked what was most rewarding about his job Colon answered to have people happy with his work. He also stated the most challenging part to his job was getting to know everyone who works for the county.

Karen Davies is the new Records Clerk for the Sheriff's Office. She is responsible for maintaining incident and arrest reports, makes copies for officers, insurance companies and the public. She also collects fees for civil papers and maintains civil papers and is responsible for data entry of civil papers. She maintains officer's court schedules, orders supplies and is responsible for all financial documents pertaining to purchases. She is also responsible for mailing contact letters for potential jurors for court.

Karen was born and raised in Caswell County. She graduated from Bartlett Yancey High School. She has two daughters: Elizabeth and Rebecca. Elizabeth is a senior at Bartlett Yancey and Rebecca is an 8th grader at Dillard Middle School.

In her spare time, Karen enjoys spending time with her girls. She also enjoys walking. Karen sings with the Praise Team at her church, Park Springs P.H. Church. Karen is also very involved in her local volunteer fire department, Providence Fire Department. Karen is in the Ladies Auxiliary and she is also a Coordinator for the vendors and crafters for the Spring Fling which will be on Saturday, April 28th. Karen also enjoys helping with the Junior Fire Fighters at the Providence Fire Department.

When asked what she enjoyed the most about her job Karen replied the pleasant work environment and the people she works with. She said that she actually looks forward to coming to work everyday.

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TO FAIL IN
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WHILE TO
SUCCEED IS
POSSIBLE ONLY
IN ONE WAY."

Senior Center

By: Donna Kaper / Debbi Rascoe

Free Tax Preparation

Free tax preparation is available for families and individuals who made less than \$50,000 in 2011 [at the Caswell County VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site located at the Caswell Senior Center.] To make an appointment, please call the Caswell Senior Center at 336-694-7447. VITA sites are a program of the IRS and are available to Caswell County residents by the BEST Coalition funded through a

grant from the Danville Regional Foundation.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to seniors within Caswell County. This is a wonderful way to give back to the community and a way to help someone in need. The meals are ready for delivery at 10 a.m. and each route normally takes only an hour to complete. Please consider

doing this just once a month if you have flexibility in your schedule! If you are interested please call Rita Simon at 336-694-7447.



4-H (Cooperative Extension Office)

By: Brandi Boaz / Sherry Rawley

What are your summer plans?

Do you plan to babysit or watch your family members over the summer?

We have the perfect Spring Break course for you!

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, NC Tuesday, April 10th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 11th 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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: April 4th

To sign up please contact:
Caswell County 4-H
Call: 336-694-4158
Email: brandi_boaz@ncsu.edu



Purchase a Boston Butt for your Easter Feast

Caswell County 4-H Livestock youth are selling fully cooked Boston Butts for \$25. The profit from these Boston butts will be used to enhance the 4-H livestock project for these youth. If you have any questions or would like to purchase one please contact Brandi Boaz at 694-4158. The fully cooked Boston butts will be ready for pick up at the Agricultural building Thursday, April 5th from 3:00 -5:30 p.m.



“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life last. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.”

Rachel Carson

County Landfill

The County Landfill is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. County Landfill’s telephone number is 694-5811.

Charges at Landfill:

- No Charge – Bagged Household Trash, Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Hot Water Heaters, Air Conditioners, and other appliances
- No Charge – Batteries and Motor Oil (will be tested)
- \$25.00/ton – Yard Waste such as leaves, limbs, etc.

- \$45.00/ton Tipping Fee – Wood, construction debris, scrap metal, mattresses and box springs
- \$70.00/ton – Tires and additional \$2.00 for each tire on the rim
- Recyclables accepted: Plastic bottles, aluminum/ steel cans, newspapers, cardboard and glass.

Convenience Sites in the County:

- Anderson Location: 2346 Byrd Sawmill Road
- Casville Location: 1288 Allison Road

- Cherry Grove Location: 6817 Cherry Grove Road
- Leasburg Location: 3842 Highway 158 (Behind Four Points Store)
- Milton Location: NC 62N (In front of Willis’ Store)
- Pelham Location: 4720 Shady Grove Road (Sam’s #2 Store)
- Providence Location: 7631 NC Highway 86N (86 Convenient Mart)
- Prospect Hill Location: Highway 86S, Prospect Hill (Behind Old Talley’s Store)

By: Tina Smith / Pa’ia Searster

Home Health Announces Special Events

By: Betty Hodges

Called Out will be singing at Beulah Church on Sunday, March 18th. There will be food at 6:00 p.m. Singing will start at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 1834 US Highway 158 East.

The Caswell County Relay for Life Annual Survivor Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th. If you are a cancer survivor and did not attend the dinner last year you will not be on the mailing list for this year. If you or someone you

know would like to attend, please contact Jonna Lunsford at 694-9592 Ext. 159 or jlunsford@caswellnc.us.

Caswell County Relay for Life is having a raffle for \$5,000. Tickets are on sale now, with limited supply available. The price is \$50 per ticket, and will include dinner for 2. The dinner and drawing will be Saturday, May 26th, at the Caswell County Civic Center. Dinner will be from 5:00—7:00 p.m., and the

raffle will start at 7:00 p.m. **TICKET MUST BE PRESENT** in order to participate in the raffle. Please contact Betty Hodges at 694-9592 Ext. 135 or Sherry Cobb at 694-9592 Ext. 149 to purchase tickets.



Caswell Soil and Water Conservation District *By: Mitch Thompson / Sherry Ramsey*

The Caswell Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring two teams from Dillard Middle School and two teams from Bartlett Yancey High School for the Area Envirothon that will be held on March 16, 2012 at Elon University. District Staff Mitch Thompson and Carolyn Harrelson will be volunteering at this event along with Warren Mincey, and District Supervisor Forrest Altman.



Dillard Team #1—Rachel Watlington, Hannah Watlington, Bailey Gray, Hannah Hall, Hannah Thompson and Taylor Bradsher.

Team #2—Jacieya Davis, Abigail Goots, Indiana Ayers and Taylor Jones. Team Advisor for both teams—Stephanie Hollifield.

Bartlett Yancey Team #1—Richard Holt, Anna Blackwell, Kraig Turner, Samantha Elkins, Jacob Bradsher and Harlee Gentry.

Team #2 Zach Gusler, Nathan Dabbs, Jacob Crews, Hunter Thompson, Matthew Barker and Sarah Smith. Team Advisor for both teams—Thomas White.

The Caswell Soil & Water Conservation District sponsored a poster contest for 4th and 5th graders. The theme for the poster contest was “Wetlands are Wonderful.”

Winners of the poster contest were all from Oakwood Elementary School.

4th Grade

- 1st Place—Carrie McDuffie
- 2nd Place—Aaliyah Hodnett
- 3rd Place—Maya Rone

5th Grade

- 1st Place—Kaylyn Williamson
- 2nd Place—Craig Graves
- 3rd Place—Serena Vogel

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Environmental Health

The Caswell County Environmental Health Department has a three person staff. It consists of a Supervisor, Ted Davis REHS; an On-site Waste Water Program Specialist, Donnie Powell REHS; and an Environmental Health Specialist, Will Shields REHS. All three have earned their registration with the NC Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists Examiners. The department receives clerical assistance from Cathy Tolles, Office Manager for Caswell County Building

Inspections. The department is part of The Caswell County Health Department. Its primary task is to enforce state and local laws and rules related to the environment and pertaining to public health in Caswell County. It is here to assist the citizens of Caswell County in dealing with issues pertaining with these laws and rules. The staff of Caswell County’s Environmental Health Department makes every effort to provide efficient courteous service to every person in need of

its service.

In light of the fact that one of the biggest parts of its program is On-site Waste Water Treatment and Disposal, as a public service suggestion – it encourages those of you who have a home or business that has an on-site sewage treatment and disposal system to have the tanks on those systems pumped every three to five years. This is a maintenance procedure that could greatly extend the life of your system.

By: Ted Davis / Rhonda Griffin

Are You Prepared for a Tornado?

By: Rose Farrer

When there are thunderstorms in your area, turn on your radio or TV to get the latest emergency information from local authorities. Listen for announcements of a tornado watch or tornado warning.

A **tornado watch** is issued when weather conditions favor the formation of tornadoes, for example, during a severe thunderstorm.

A **tornado warning** is issued when a tornado funnel is sighted or indicated by weather radar. You should take shelter immediately.

Important Measures to Take before a Tornado:

- Develop a tornado emergency plan including where to seek shelter.
- Know where your first-aid kits and fire extinguishers are.
- Show family how to administer first aid, how to use a fire extinguisher and how to turn off water, gas and the electricity in the home.
- Write specific needs if there is a Special Needs person in the family.

Storing Important Documents

Store the following documents in a fire and water-proof safe:

- Birth certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Insurance Policies
- Will
- Titles to house, auto, boat, etc.
- Household Inventory
- 1. List of contents of household
- 2. Photographs or videotape of contents of every room
- 3. Photographs of items of high values, such as jewelry, collectibles, etc.

Dog Bite Prevention

By: *Dustin Smithby / Melissa Williamson*

About 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year. Almost one in five of those who are bitten require medical attention for dog bite-related injuries.

Who is at risk?

Children: Among children, the rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for those ages 5 to 9 years old. Children are more likely than adults to receive medical attention for dog bites. Recent research shows that the rate of dog bite-related injuries among children seems to be decreasing.

Adult Males: Among adults, males are more likely than females to be bitten.

To help prevent children from being bitten by dogs, teach the following basic safety tips and review them regularly:

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Do not run from a dog or scream.
- Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog.
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still.
- Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.
- Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult
- Avoid direct eye contact with

a dog.

- Do not disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
- If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult.



By: *Barry Lynch / Paula Seaster*

the number at a later time or fall back to another contact mode.

All landlines in the 911 database are already in the system. If you would like to add your cell phones to the alert and to sign up for the free instant weather warnings please go to the Caswell County Website at: www.caswelcountync.gov. Under **Site Menu** click on **Emergency Info**. Then click on **EMS**. You should then see a link to **Delta Alert**. Once you click on that register to Opt In to the program.

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DeltAlert System

Caswell County now has the DeltAlert Telephone Mass Notification System.

What is DeltAlert?

DeltAlert is a web-based Mass Notification System that enables users to make time-sensitive announcements in a rapid, reliable and cost-effective way. This system will be used for notifying citizens of severe weather warnings. It will also be used for County-related business. Such as closings due to bad weather and when the Health Department has vaccines available to the

public. The DeltAlert System was funded by the Health Department through a H1N1 grant.

DeltAlert allows individuals to specify which contact mode they prefer. When delivery of the alert to this primary contact mode fails, the system will automatically fall back to other methods. With respect to phone notifications, if the system detects an answering machine, it will deliver the message to voicemail. If the phone is not answered and no answering machine is detected, the system will redial

Caswell County Parks & Recreation

By: *Ashley Williams / Tonja Pegg*

The Caswell County Parks and Recreation is currently holding the 2012 **Baseball and Softball** Signups. Registrations are being taken from March 1 through March 30th. Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Drop Box outside the County Gym. Make sure to include the payment with the registration form if you put it in the Drop Box.

There will be a **Hunter Safety Course** at the County Gym on Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th. To sign up for this course go online to <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Hunting/>

[LearnResources/HunterEducation.aspx](#)

ZUMBA classes are still going on at the Gym on Monday nights from 6:30—7:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per person per class.

Caswell County Parks and Recreation is always looking for volunteers to coach the different sports that are held throughout the year. If you are interested in coaching a particular sport please contact the Caswell Parks & Recreation at 694-4449.

Register for CCPR Summer Camp now! Summer Camp is for upcoming K—5th graders. Camp will be held the weeks of June 18th through July 30th and will be closed the week of July 2nd. Drop-off time is 7:30 a.m. and pick up time is at 3:30 p.m. Space is limited to 12 campers per week, on a first-come first-serve basis. The cost is \$100.00 a week with a deposit of \$100.00 at time of registration.



County Day—April 21st

By: Paula Seamster

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners will sponsor a County Day on Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center on Fire Tower Road.

County Day is a day designed for the citizens of Caswell County to find out what services are available to them. Too many people do not have a full appreciation of county government and the services it provides. One way to address this issue is to provide the information to the citizens. Each department will be responsible for setting up a booth with all sorts of information on what that department offers.

County Day is also a day to encourage

Caswell County residents to volunteer their time and talents to the community.

County Day is a day to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government.

Questions received from the public on a regular basis:

- Where do I pay my traffic ticket?
- Can I burn leaves today?
- I am moving to Caswell County, where will my child go to school?
- Can I pay my taxes on line?
- What is required to set up a

mobile home in Caswell County?

- What activities does Farmer Lake offer?
- What is the age to join the Senior Center?
- How much does it cost to take my trash to the landfill?
- Does the county offer computer classes?
- Does the Health Department administer flu shots?
- What programs are offered by the Parks and Recreation Department?
- How do I get in touch with the Fire Marshal?

Upcoming Library Events

By: Rhonda Griffin

Adult Programs:

- **Basic Computer Class** – Sign up for beginning computer classes (dates to be determined)
- **Beading Class** – Presented by Juanita Smith - April 27th at 3:30 p.m.

Children's Programs:

- **Science in the Summer** – Sign your children up now - limited spaces for the July 30 – Aug 3rd workshops
- **Children on Parade** - from Library to Square – Partnership for Children – April 27th at 10:00

- **Miss NC** - Children and Adults will enjoy meeting Miss NC! – April 18 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Mr. Bill Carter – Auctioneer Extraordinaire** - After-school program at 3:30 p.m.

For more information on these and other program, visit Gunn Memorial Public Library!!!

Emergency Services

By: Michele Archer / Melissa Williamson

The Caswell County Emergency Services would like to welcome the following newly hired employees:

Cindi Jones, Tammy Joyce, Richard McCraw, Sean Mitchell, Vincent Reyes, Spencer Rivers, Sherri Soloman, and Bretlyn Ward.

The Caswell County Emergency Ser-

vice would like to congratulate the following employees on their recent achievement of obtaining full time status with our department: Michael McMillian, Jennifer Pinkston and Spencer Rivers. Congratulations to all.

The Caswell County Emergency Services would like to offer our deepest

sympathy to the family and friends of EMT-P Sean Mitchell. Sean passed away on February 28, 2012.

The Caswell County Emergency Services would also like to extend their condolences to the families of Jamey Gualdoni and Crystal Flint in the passing of Crystal's father on March 6, 2012.

“TIME CAN BUT
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TO BE WISE
THOUGH NOW IT
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Picture of the Month

By: Paula Seamster

This picture was taken by Mikayla Seamster of the sun rising at Carolina Beach.

If you would like to submit a picture of the month or if you have recipes or anything else you would like to share please email them to Paula Seamster at pseamster@caswellcountync.gov



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Movie Review:

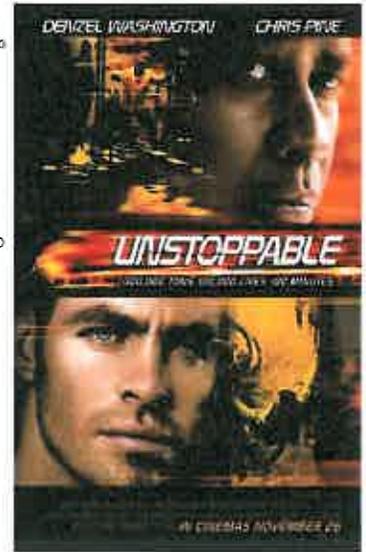
By: Rhonda Griffin

One of the Library's most circulated movies this fiscal year has been "Unstoppable", starring Denzel Washington, Chris Pine and Rosario Dawson.

<http://screencrave.com/2010-11-11/unstoppable-movie-review/>
Unstoppable is the story about an old veteran train conductor (Washington) who's about to become the victim of company layoffs due to cutbacks. Pine plays the newbie to the crew, who all the old guys hate because he's been hired to take their jobs away. The pair are forced into a life or death situation when they have to divert a runaway train carrying a shipment of toxic chemicals headed straight towards them, schools, children, horses, cows, and anything else Scott (the director) could come up with for a train to destroy.

Funny side note: In the scene when Chris Pine's character appears to be getting pelleted by "rocks" they actually used sugar coated cereal which all the local deer would clean up nightly for the crew.

To check out this, or any other movie in the library, you just need an adult library card. All movies check out for 7 days free of charge, limit 3 per household. If returned late, there is a \$2.00 per day charge (Max \$5.00 per DVD).



PRESERVING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

Information Technology

By: Robert Webb / Rhonda Griffin

How To Spot a Bad Email

We receive many emails a day. There are some basic types of email to look out for though.

Phishing Email: This is an email that asks you to verify something like an account number, social security number, login and password or other personal information. Do not fall for this, as most of these emails takes you to a page where your personal information is harvested and sold for criminal purposes. To make matters worse, a lot of these pages you are sent to contain worms, Trojan horses, or other malware that infect your system. If you did not specifically ask for an email or were not expecting it, delete such emails, don't even open them. Your bank, credit card provider, Internet Provider, Email Provider, Healthcare or other known business outfits will NOT ask for login information via an email.

Scam Email: These emails start out by saying you have won something. This could be a supposed free item, free trip, free whatever. Another highly publicized and known trick is the Nigerian scam ring. This is where a supposed

royal has an excess of money and needs to store it and offers you a certain amount of money for handling this. This is of course a route to get into your bank account and then take everything you have. There are no free rides, nothing is free. Delete all such emails and never give out personal information.

Virus-Infected Email: These are often hard to spot because they sometimes come from what seems to be a friend, relative, or co-worker. When a person's PC is infected with a virus or other malware sometimes their contact list is compromised. You will receive an email that is seemingly coming from that person. Inside that email there is usually an attachment. This attachment is a virus. Some common attachments that can be infected are documents, power point presentations, excel documents that use macros, even plain text documents. NEVER open an attachment from anyone that carries the .exe, .zip, or .com file type. These are almost always viruses/Trojan horses/malware. If you are in doubt, call the person who sent the supposed email or email their known address and ask before

executing any attachment. The proper thing to do however is delete any email you were not expecting or can trust 100%.

Other Email Advice:

In an email that you may think is suspicious if there is a link there hold your mouse over it but do not click. In your email program it should show you the link's destination. For instance, If the link says "Verify your information" and it appears to be from your bank. Let's say your bank's real website is www.mybanktoday.com and when you hold your mouse pointer over the link it displays <http://70.0.0.1> or anything other than what you would expect that is a bogus email.

Always remember when in doubt, delete the email.

Just for fun, here is a link to test your knowledge of spotting a phishing email. <http://www.sonicwall.com/furl/phishing/>

Once you go to that site, click "Start The Test" to begin.



March 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Woodrow Bigelow Shannon White | 2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Lauren Neighbors | 3 |
| 4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Debbie Rascoe Racquel Hughes Dean Hodges | 5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Florence Vereen Doris Hyler Commissioners Meeting - 6:30 pm | 6 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Josh Benfield | 7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Rose Farmer | 8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Patricia Smith-Overman | 9 | 10 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Catherine Holloway Jeannine Everidge |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Department Head</i> Staff Meeting—10:00 | 15 <i>Commissioners</i> meeting w/ Detention Center Transition Team—5:30 p.m. | 16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Gwynn Brandon <i>Envirothon at</i> <i>Elon University</i> | 17 <i>Hunter Safety</i> Class—County Gym—8-5:00 |
| 18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Regina Becraft Hunter Safety Class—County Gym 1-5:00 | 19 <i>Happy Birthday</i> James Gualdoni Commissioners Meeting—6:30 pm | 20 <i>Commissioners</i> meeting w/ Farm Bureau Board at Farm Bureau Office— 6:30 p.m. | 21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Sonya Johnson Ashlee Johnston David Kylander Stephana Wood | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> B. Archer David Smith Farmer Lake Bass Tournament 7:00 am |
| 25 <i>Farmer Lake</i> Bass Tournament 7:00 a.m. | 26 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Bonnie Gibson | 27 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Christina Ragland | 28 | 29 | 30 <i>Caswell Parish</i> Fish Fry 11—2:00 | 31 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Charity James |

April 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Happy Birthday April Durden | 2 Commissioners Meeting—6:30 pm | 3 | 4 Department Head Staff Meeting—10:00 | 5 Happy Birthday Becky Dellinger Richard McCraw Boston Butt pick up 3:00—5:30 p.m. | 6 County Offices will be Closed GOOD FRIDAY | 7 |
| 8 Happy Birthday Cheryl Swiney EASTER | 9 | 10 Safe Sitter Classes 10:00—4:00 p.m. | 11 Safe Sitter Classes 10:00—5:00 p.m. | 12 | 13 Murder in the Library Drama—7:00 p.m.—Gunn Memo- rial Library | 14 Happy Birthday Alan Poteat Cynthia Royster Murder in the Library Drama—6:00 |
| 15 | 16 Happy Birthday Brenda Irwin Timothy Shaver Commissioners Meeting—6:30 pm | 17 | 18 Happy Birthday Amy Lyle Meet Miss N. C. at the Library—10:00 | 19 Happy Birthday Raymond Graves Jerald Brown Aubrey Fuqua | 20 Happy Birthday Wilson Gwynn Vincent Reyes | 21 County Day at the Senior Center 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. |
| 22 | 23 Happy Birthday Michele Archer | 24 Commissioners meeting w/Town of Yanceyville and Town of Milton— 6:00 p.m. At Town Hall | 25 | 26 Special Olympics at BYHS 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. | 27 Children on Parade at Library— 10:00 a.m. Beading Class at Li- brary—3:30 p.m. | 28 Happy Birthday Jeff White |
| 29 Happy Birthday Shaylyn Aldridge | 30 | | | | | |