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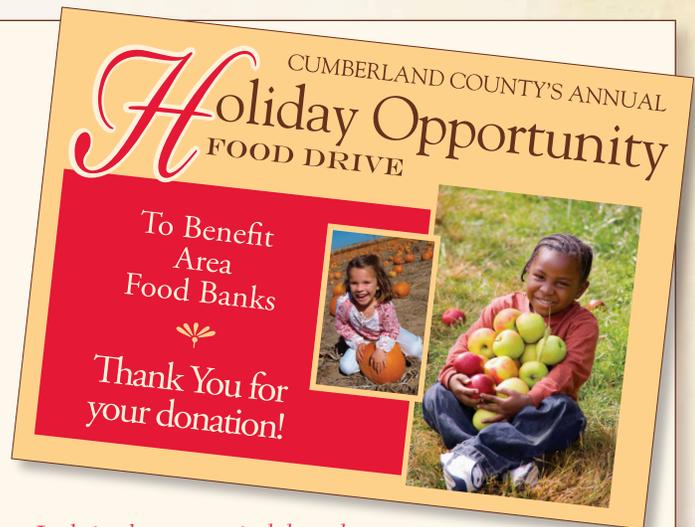
NOVEMBER 2006

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The 14th Annual CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE is scheduled between 13 November and 4 December this year. Look for the collection boxes in your workplace and contribute some non-perishable canned foods. The boxes are collected at the end of the drive and the contents shared with the Salvation Army and the Fayetteville Urban Ministry.

Items being solicited include canned fruits and vegetables, tuna fish, boxes of rice and macaroni, peanut butter (in plastic jars, please) and canned meats.

Cumberland County employees have traditionally responded generously to this annual campaign, with literally thousands of pounds of food being provided for families in need in our area.



Look for this sign on food drive donation boxes in county buildings Nov. 13th through December 4th

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE

Who Needs This Help . . .

The Cumberland County Department of Social Services will be accepting applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program from Monday, November 6 through Friday, November 17, 2006 at the DSS building, 1225 Ramsey Street. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The office will be closed Friday, November 10 for the observance of Veterans Day, but will remain open until 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 16.

The LIEAP assistance is structured to provide an energy subsidy payment to qualifying households in February or March 2007. For more information, call the LIEAP information line at 677-2821. This phone line will remain active through November 25, 2006.

The Crisis Intervention Program is available for more urgent energy assistance needs. The Salvation Army takes CIP applications at 226 South Cool Spring Street. For more information about CIP, call 307-0359.

A NEW LOOK, A NEW BRAND

Notice the new look of *The Connection*? It's incorporating some fonts, colors and typography that are all part of the greater Fayetteville effort to establish the concept of patriotism as a consistent brand as we compete for visitors, economic development and new residents.

You'll be seeing more of this look in county publications. The commissioners approved unanimously to participate in the community-wide branding effort proposed by the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in 2005; today, a complete branding guide has been developed that includes fonts, typography, colors, and graphics.

Even as Cumberland County moves to embrace the branding concept of patriotism, we will continue to maintain our own unique identity.

COUNTY MANAGER'S MESSAGE



You can see that this newsletter looks a bit different from previous versions. That's because the county is supporting the branding effort launched by the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, characterizing our community as a highly patriotic place. Over the next year, the overall look will become more familiar to you as other agencies embrace aspects of the special colors, type fonts, and graphics in the branding guide. However, be assured that Cumberland County will retain its own unique identity through continued use of our county seal and other elements, conveying our status as a large, diverse (and patriotic!) county that is vibrantly engaged in the 21st century.



The 2006 United Way campaign is underway and I encourage every employee to be as contributory to this worthwhile effort as possible.

There are special incentives for those who contribute the equivalent of an hour's pay per pay period. The United Way helps the very citizens that so many of you work hard every day to improve the quality of life for, so please consider giving something that will help those agencies who are our partners in building a stronger, healthier, better county.

The year is drawing to an end and I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for what you do to make Cumberland County a great place within our state. Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and the coming holiday season!

WELLNESS WINNERS!

In August, the county's Health Fair was held at the Crown Center. Cigna, the county's employee health insurance provider, held a raffle and four lucky employees were the winners of Walmart gift certificates.

Janice Owens of Mental Health won a \$50 gift certificate; Angela Williams of DSS and Donna Kent of Animal Control each won a \$35 gift certificate; and Jacuelise Bethea of the Detention Center won a \$20 gift certificate.

Then, in September, Shirley Dietrich of DSS was the lucky winner of a bicycle when her Treasure Hunt entry on www.myCIGNA.com was drawn for the Treasure Hunt raffle.

Congratulations to all the winners!

GET YOUR CAR READY FOR WINTER

CarMax, Inc, a well-known retailer of used cars, offers some good advice to make sure your car is ready for cold weather. We are fortunate not to have prolonged periods of bitterly cold weather here in our area, but you will still want to prevent car malfunctions this winter. The awful experience of finding that your car won't start or worse, experiencing a breakdown while traveling, is something you can prevent.

1. Check your anti-freeze. The best ratio of anti-freeze to water is 50/50. The most common cause of engine-related breakdowns is cooling system failure. Prevent this by having your cooling system flushed every two years.
2. Replace your windshield wiper blades twice a year. Fill the windshield washer reservoir with freeze-resistant wiper fluid (plain water and standard windshield washer fluid will freeze) and keep an extra gallon in the trunk.
3. Check your battery. If the battery is more than three years old, have a technician test its capacity. Have the alternator tested at the same time. Make sure the battery terminal ends are corrosion-free.
4. Check your tire pressure. Check the pressure when the tires are cold and set the pressure to the car manufacturer's recommendation for your specific tires. When the weather turns cold, the air inside the tire will contract and the pressure will drop.
5. Look at the tread depth on your tires. Put a penny headfirst between the treads. If you can see the top of Lincoln's hair, it's time to replace the tire.
6. Check your spare tire. Make sure it has the proper air pressure and tread depth and that all the proper tire-changing equipment is in the vehicle.
7. Check that your lights, heater and defrosters are working properly.
8. Check all rubber hoses and belts to insure they are not damaged. Coolant hoses wear from the inside out. Inspect for heavy cracks or chunking in the belts. Alternatively, have a professional inspect all hoses and belts.
9. Have your car's brake system checked in you haven't had the system inspected in the last six months.
10. Assemble a winter emergency kit for the trunk of your car (go to <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/guides/winterstorms.html> for a list of emergency items to carry in a vehicle.

COUNTY KUDOS

GREAT PEOPLE DOING GREAT THINGS!

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WAYNE DUDLEY, ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, has successfully completed the process and examination to become certified as a Floodplain Manager (CFM). The North Carolina Association of Floodplain Managers grants this certification only to those professionals who meet the requirements and complete a comprehensive examination on the programs and standards to reduce flood losses in the nation. Wayne completed the examination to become a CFM in August at the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College where he attended the "Managing Floodplain Development" course offered through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Congratulations to Wayne for earning the title of Certified Floodplain Manager and for his dedication to serving the citizens of Cumberland County!



Dudley



Animal Control

ANIMAL CONTROL has recently reviewed their records and confirm that they have handled 15,767 service calls during FY06. All this, with eight Animal Control officers, and that includes the Cruelty Investigator! These individuals are outstanding representatives for the county and servants to the citizens. Good job, folks!

Speaking of Animal Control, there is one dispatcher in that department who coordinates the calls and provides directions for the officers and her name is **DEBBIE BROWN**. She directs the traffic for an average of 1400 calls per month. Your colleagues appreciate you, Debbie. Keep up the good work!



Brown

Two new faces in the **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**. **RICK MOOREFIELD** is a new assistant county attorney, coming to us from Macon County. And **HOPE WARD**, with her warm and lovely smile, is the new legal secretary in the department.



Ward



Moorefield

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH is proud to recognize their dedicated health education staff during National Health Education Week October 15-21. This year's theme is "Healthy Kids: Creating Safe Communities and Schools."



Health Education Staff

Being a health educator requires specialized study. While health educators are traditionally associated with brochures and videos, this association only minimally defines their capacities. Health educators work at the individual, group, institutional, community and systemic levels to improve health, knowledge, attitudes, and skills for the purpose of changing or encouraging behaviors that relate to optimal health status.

For more contact the health education department at 433-3890.

LIBRARY NEWS

The **CLIFFDALE LIBRARY** will be closed to the public from **NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH THE 26TH** so that new carpet can be installed. Staff not involved with the shifting of collections, shelving, equipment and furniture during this time will be assigned temporarily to other branch locations.



HEROES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control impounded a large number of large animals (livestock) during the late summer. These impoundments and the rainstorms resulted in the ground behind our barn becoming a mess!

We owe a huge thanks to the outstanding inter-departmental teamwork shown by Bobby Howard of the Solid Waste department and the landscaping department. Bobby delivered a load of dirt and a team from landscaping did the rest. Roger (Baby Brother), Herman, JR, Slim, Little Dave, Gary, Devonte, and Troy wasted no time in spreading the dirt, leveling the ground, and disposing of the minimal excess.

They are all great people and we at Animal Control are proud to be a part of a team that responds in this manner. Thank you again, you are our heroes!

THE WORLD OF AGRICULTURE

A Huge Success at the Cumberland County Fair!



North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Cumberland County office, sponsored the “World of Agriculture” during the 2006 Cumberland County Fair, which was held September 14-24, 2006. Created by Emily Revels, Consumer Horticulture Agent, and the Cumberland County Master Gardener Volunteers, this educational element of the fair was well received and visited by fair goers.

Forty-eight tractor posters (size 3x5 feet & 2x4 feet) were colored by over 400 community children ranging in age from 3 – 18. These tractors were displayed from the ceiling in the Civic Center Expo making a showcase entrance into the World of Agriculture. Farm equipment, new farm tractors, and antique farm tractors were also included in the display.

In addition, four educational backdrops were created that promoted the *ABC's of Agriculture, Animals and Agriculture, Agriculture in Our Lives, and North*

Carolina Agriculture. Informational handouts promoting the value of agriculture to our daily lives were developed to correlate with each backdrop. In addition, three displays boards promoting US Farm Facts, life cycle of butterfly, chicken, plants and frogs and a board for “counting critters” were developed for the exhibit.

Over 1200 pre-K and kindergarten children visited the fair. Master Gardeners entertained the children in the World of Agriculture with the Animals and Agriculture and the ABC's of Agriculture. Performing with puppets to fascinate the children and being rewarded with the ABC song by the children was a highlight for the Master Gardeners.

Educational booths were set up around the “World of Agriculture” and included displays promoting agriculture topics by local FFA groups, 4-H clubs, Cape Fear Botanical Garden, Soil and Water Conservation, City of Fayetteville Stormwater Department, the Fayetteville Water Action Committee, Extension Beekeepers, and Extension Forestry.

Through the use of the “World of Agriculture” exhibit, over 11,000 residents were made aware of the value of agriculture to North Carolina and Cumberland County.



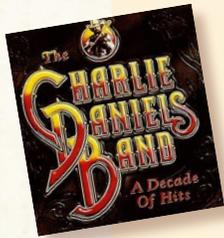
A “MODEL” EVENT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The staff and family members of **CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES** dazzled the runway during the 2nd Annual “Walk of Style” Fashion Show to benefit the American Heart Association on the evening of September 29, 2006. The event included a delicious buffet meal, guest speakers, entertainment, prize drawing and three categories of modeling. Models for the event were: Sherry Arnette, Alexia Blyden, Eric Bradford, Kim Brittingham-Howard, Jasmine Connors, Sherry Dawson, Jasmine & Jade Frowner, Malik Haywood, Tammy Harris, Barbara Hood, Alexis Lampkins, Barbara Matthews, LaToya & Kenneth Redd, Bailey & Lilly Scarlett, William Scarlett, Chardarnay Shaw, Delilah Spearman, Briana Taylor, Eddie Taylor, Taurus & Andrew Tyson, Sr., Andrew Tyson, Jr., Destiny Tyson, Kendra Valentine, Michelle Wells, and Abigail & Contessa Wilson. Escorts were Michael Baker and Calvin Shipman.

Jim Long, Jr., Director of Corporate Relations, American Heart Association, explained that the money raised assists with biomedical research and educational and outreach programs. Educating the public about prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease and stroke, encouraging physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle, and celebrating survivors of heart disease and stroke are just a few of the programs that continue to flourish by our donations. Guest speaker, Ms. Gina Rozier shared her personal experience of daughter Laci, age 2 who had heart surgery at four weeks old for a congenital heart defect and how the donations that support the American Heart Association ultimately helped save her daughter.

Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to help make this event such a great success. Cumberland County Department of Social Services is grateful for the generosity of area businesses who donated the refreshments and prizes for the event. Over \$2,000.00 was raised from the event for the American Heart Association.

COMING UP @ THE CROWN CENTER



NOVEMBER

Nov. 10th	Charlie Daniels Band	Crown Theatre	8:00 PM
Nov. 16	FireAntz vs Jacksonville	Crown Coliseum	7:35 PM
Nov. 18	FireAntz vs Florida	Crown Coliseum	7:35 PM
Nov. 23	FireAntz vs Pee Dee	Crown Coliseum	7:35 PM
Nov. 24-26	Craftmen's Festival	Crown Expo	
Nov. 25	The Heart of Christmas Show	Crown Theatre	7:00 PM
Nov. 26	The Heart of Christmas Show	Crown Theatre	3:00 PM
Nov. 30	Newsong & Todd Agnew	Crown Theatre	7:00 PM



DECEMBER

Dec. 1	FireAntz vs Richmond	Crown Coliseum	7:35 PM
Dec. 2	FireAntz vs Huntsville	Crown Coliseum	8:35 PM
Dec. 6	Marie Osmond	Crown Theatre	7:30 PM
Dec. 22	FireAntz vs Pee Dee	Crown Coliseum	7:35 PM
Dec. 23	FireAntz vs Pee Dee	Crown Coliseum	7:35 PM
Dec. 30	FireAntz vs Jacksonville	Crown Coliseum	7:35 PM



COMING IN JANUARY 2007!!

January 5 & 6	Bigfoot Nation Monster Trucks
January 12	Broadway's Best Series: Man of La Mancha



