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Three County Employees Honored

FAYETTEVILLE – Three Cumberland County employees have been recognized recently. Two received awards and one has been nominated to serve on a national board.

Kenny Bailey

Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Horticulture Agent Kenny Bailey received the 2014 Outstanding Extension Staff Award from the N.C. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association during the group's conference May 5-7 in Winston-Salem. Bailey, who was nominated by the Cumberland County Master Gardener Volunteers, has been with Cooperative Extension for 20 years. He manages the county's Master Gardener Volunteer program and is also a Master Beekeeper instructor.

Brenda Reid Jackson

Social Services Director Brenda Reid Jackson has been nominated to represent North Carolina on the board of the National Association of County Human Services Administrators. Her duties will include participating in the National Association of Counties' March conference in Washington D.C. and the NACo annual conference in July. Jackson will also participate in monthly conference calls and respond to requests to contact members of Congress on priority human services legislation. A native of Farmville, N.C., Jackson has been Cumberland County's DSS director since 2008.

Bobbie Redding

The Department of Social Services Managing Attorney Bobbie Redding has been named the North Carolina Guardianship Association's Hero in Guardianship. Redding has been specializing in Adult Services at DSS since 1988. Redding manages a DSS legal team of five attorneys, six paralegals and two legal assistants. The legal team specializes in child protective services, adult protective services and guardianship.

Redding is co-leader of the Cumberland County Guardianship Coalition. As a member of the NCGA Board of Directors, she participated in the N.C. Division of Health and Human Services/Division of Aging and Adult Services 2013 Guardianship Workgroup. In January, she participated as a panel member representing DSS attorneys on Public Guardianship at the UNC School of Government, Incompetency and Adult Guardianship for Clerks Conference sponsored by the North Carolina Judicial College.

Redding was nominated by DSS Director Brenda Reid Jackson.

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