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## Third Wings Over Harnett Takes Flight

The 2016 Wings Over Harnett Fly-in, presented by Campbell University, brought thousands of people from Harnett County and the surrounding area to Harnett Regional Jetport at 615 Airport Road, Erwin, on Saturday, October 15.

The annual event, now in its third year, is held the third Saturday in October and has cemented its place in the lineup of popular festivals that take place from September to November in each of Harnett County's municipalities and those just outside the county.

This year's fly-in featured a jump by the All Veteran Parachute Team and a water drop demonstration from N.C. Forestry Services. There was also music from Ellington Studios in Angier and the Will McBride Group, along with plenty of entertainment, food, and rides for the kids.

This year's fly-in took on a special meaning following Hurricane Matthew, which resulted in several deaths and caused severe damage throughout Harnett County. Fly-in organizers recog-

nized Harnett County's first responders during the fly-in, and presented a proclamation from the Harnett County Board of Commissioners to Emergency Services professionals in the county.

Organizers are already gearing up for the fourth annual Wings Over Harnett Fly-in, which will be held Saturday, October 21, 2017.

*See more photos from the 2016 Wings Over Harnett Fly-in, presented by Campbell University, on Page 2.*

Keep up with Harnett County on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and go to [www.harnett.org/publicinfo](http://www.harnett.org/publicinfo) for news releases, important updates, a community calendar and other information.



## What's Happening in Harnett?

Are you looking for something to do over the weekend? Have you ever wanted to run your own business, but need some help getting started? Keep up with what's going on in Harnett County with the Community Calendar at [www.harnett.org/publicinfo](http://www.harnett.org/publicinfo).

The calendar compiles community events taking place throughout Harnett County — from all the town festivals and parades going on in the fall to community meetings and seminars at Triangle South Enterprise Center — and puts them in a single location. It also includes events held by partner organizations including area chambers of commerce, the Dunn Area Tourism Authority, Campbell University, Central Carolina Community College and Raven Rock State Park. See something that's missing from the calendar? Let us know and we'll add it! To submit an event for inclusion in the Harnett County Community Calendar, email [bhaney@harnett.org](mailto:bhaney@harnett.org).



**Above are additional images from the 2016 Wings Over Harnett Fly-in, which was held Saturday, October 15 at Harnett Regional Jetport. This year's fly-in included a tandem jump by the All Veteran Parachute Team and a water drop demonstration from N.C. Forestry Services. There was also music from Ellington Studios and the Will McBride Group along with helicopter rides, food and craft vendors, inflatables and games for the kids, face painting, and much more.**



Above, in no order, are Latorius Adams with the Harnett County Division on Aging, Sandy Sherali with Affinity Health Services, Chad Walker with Transitions LifeCare, Melanie Bunn with Alzheimer's North Carolina, Jennifer Jenkins, Tonya Headen-Lee, Sandy Bianc and Shenise Williams, all with Spring Arbor of Apex.

## Division on Aging Holds Event for Family Caregivers

The Harnett County Division on Aging Family Caregiver Program held an event for family caregivers in the county to support, educate and celebrate caregivers. The event was based around the idea that the caregivers must take care of themselves first. Caregiving can be a rewarding experience, but it is physically and emotionally demanding. The stress of caregiving can lead to a higher risk of health issues among the nation's 90 million family caregivers.

Melanie Bunn with Alzheimer's North Carolina spoke during the event, presenting on "Living with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia."

Spring Arbor of Apex presented Virtual Sensitivity Training aimed at providing training to caregivers of dementia patients to help them understand what it's like to live with dementia and provide better care for those with the disease.

Bunn called the training a tremendous opportunity for people to get together to learn, experience and share.

"During this time of Thanksgiving, I'm especially grateful for families and others who step up to do what is needed,"

Bunn said. "We should all take a moment to say thank you to someone who helps and reaches out with an ear or with a hand, and celebrate what it means to work together as a team to improve the lives of people living with dementia and their caregivers."

The Harnett County Division on Aging offers a Family Caregiver Support Program that helps support family members caring for aging loved ones. The Family Caregiver Support Program provides information about services along with assistance gaining access to services, caregiver trainings, respite care and supplemental services.

The Family Caregiver Support Group meets the third Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. in the Harnett County Governmental Complex Commons Area kitchen. The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the conference room at the Harnett County Division on Aging. For questions about eligibility for the Family Caregiver Program, or for more information, contact Latorius Adams at (910) 814-6075.

## Upcoming Events

- Harnett County Parks & Recreation will offer a Couch to 5k program from March 6 through May 3, 2017. The program lasts nine weeks and each workout is no more than 30 minutes in length. The course will take place at Barbecue Creek Park with classes meeting Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. There will also be programs in Erwin and Dunn. To register or for more information, call (910) 893-7518.
- The Harnett County Soil & Water Conservation District is currently accepting applications for the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP). The program is designed to identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, and to conserve and protect water resources. For more information or for an application, visit the office at 126 Alexander Drive, Lillington, or call (910) 893-7584.
- The Harnett County Public Library offers numerous programs for children of all ages, as well as adults. For a list of program offerings and a calendar with event dates, go to [www.harnett.org/library/](http://www.harnett.org/library/).

*If you know of any important events for future months that should be included in this newsletter, email information to [bhaney@harnett.org](mailto:bhaney@harnett.org).*

## Human Resources Corner

# The Benefits of Being a Volunteer

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." The dictionary defines a volunteer as, "a person who does work without getting paid to do it." Though volunteers do not get "paid," the experience of helping others is an excellent reward. Here are some of the ways volunteering can enrich your life.

### Connecting you to your community

You're helping to make your community a better place by giving a helping hand. Plant a community garden, read at the library or work at a town festival to create a closer connection between you and your community.

### Good for your mind and body

A study published by the Corporation for National and Community

Service entitled, "The Health Benefits of Volunteering," found that volunteers have higher functional ability, lower rates of depression, less incidence of heart disease, develop new skills, and cultivate a greater social network. Not only is volunteering good for the heart and mental functions, but it increases the likelihood of a longer life!

### Advance your career

Looking for a new hobby or want to dig deeper into something you're passionate about? Volunteer with that organization. The experience could also be the first step toward learning a new skill that translates to current or future job duties. It might even mean more money!

### More fun and fulfillment in your life

"The warm fuzzies," or that sense of having both fun and fulfill-

ment, is something you likely strive for, but never quite reach. By volunteering, you're able to give back to causes you're passionate about and get that much closer to an even happier life.

Whether you want to get involved as an individual, as a department or with others in your community, your volunteer support is a true commodity. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, in 2014 alone, volunteers contributed \$5.7 billion dollars' worth of service.

That's a lot of time donated and a lot of money saved! Contact your local non-profit or area Chamber of Commerce for opportunities to get involved.

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## Harnett County Hosts Veterans Day Ceremony

The Harnett County Veterans Council held its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Lillington.

The guest speaker at this year's ceremony was Maj. Gen. Jody Daniels, chief of staff for U.S. Army Forces Command. Maj. Gen. Daniels has more than 33 years of active and reserve military service and previously served as deputy director and director of Intelligence and Knowledge Development Directorate for U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany. She served as the commander of the Theater Support Command in Korea, and completed a Civil Affairs deployment to Kosovo as well as a deployment to Iraq where she served as the chief of plans and integration and then as the director of intelli-



gence for the Multi-National Security Transition Command.

In her civilian career, Maj. Gen.

Daniels was director of advanced programs for Lockheed Martin's Advanced Technology Laboratories and prior to that, she was director of the Contextual Systems Laboratory. She also worked as a manager and engineer in the Intelligence Laboratory.

The Veterans Day Ceremony also included the presentation of colors and service flag presentation by the Harnett Central JROTC, along with a wreath laying and the playing of "Taps" in remembrance of veterans who died for their country.

The ceremony was followed by the annual Veterans Day Parade through Downtown Lillington. Maj. Gen. Daniels served as grand marshal for the parade along with a U.S. Military veteran from the Persian Gulf era.

# November Employee Birthdays

The following Harnett County employees and board members celebrate birthdays in November. Please join us in wishing these employees a happy birthday.

Nov. 1	Alex Pinkerton (EMS)		Dominic Alvarado (Sheriff's Office)
	Matthew Ammons (EMS)		Cynthia Jackson (Social Services)
	Carla Harris (Health)		Princess Mercer (Social Services)
	Percy Grady (Sheriff's Office)	16	Lori Crabtree (Social Services)
	Melinda Beasley (Social Services)	17	Brian Parrish (Cooperative Extension)
2	Dennis Cain (Sheriff's Office)		Ira Hall (IT)
	Donald Capps (Sheriff's Office)		Bobby Marshall (Transportation)
	Wanda Thomas (Sheriff's Office)	18	Jessica Fish (EMS)
3	Marsha Johnson (Division on Aging)		Kevin Ennis (Sheriff's Office)
	Amber Lucas (Sheriff's Office)	20	Kara Wilson (Sheriff's Office)
	Melvin Rodriguez (EMS)		Terry Rearic (Development Services)
	Cynthia Pierce (Health)		Angela Warren (Social Services)
	Duncan Jagers (Sheriff's Office)		Monica Moore (Social Services)
4	Aaron Thomas (Public Utilities)	21	Emily Barefoot (Health)
	Jonathan West (Sheriff's Office)		Clinton Durham (Joblink)
5	Jason Faircloth (Sheriff's Office)	22	Paula Stewart (Administration)
	Isabell Rolle (Social Services)		Isabel McCormick (Library)
	Amanda Hartman (Social Services)		Johnny Carroll (Sheriff's Office)
	Wanda Tart (Tax)	23	Jennifer Little (Sheriff's Office)
	Grace Kelly (Transportation)		Michael Furr (Emergency Services)
6	Jason Guinn (Sheriff's Office)		Jamie Strickland (Finance)
	Corey Stephenson (Sheriff's Office)		Lashauna Williams (Library)
	Angela Schaeffer (Social Services)		Travis Collins (Sheriff's Office)
	Moses Pendergrass (Transportation)		Jeffrey Williams (Sheriff's Office)
8	Alfreda Hicks (Cooperative Extension)	24	Chris Nystrom (Development Services)
	Jeremy Pope (Public Buildings)		Derrick Jones (EMS)
	Tara Young (Sheriff's Office)		Alphonse McDougald (Public Utilities)
9	Allison Norris (Sheriff's Office)		Victoria Payseur (Public Utilities)
	Janet Faircloth (Social Services)		Angela McCauley (Library)
	Traci Haire (Social Services)	25	Heather Wilkins (Sheriff's Office)
10	Kathy Combs (Social Services)		Stephen Caviness (Public Utilities)
	Justina Wiser (Transportation)		John Holder (Sheriff's Office)
11	Christopher Toler (Emergency Services)	26	Gale Greene (Health)
	Charmaine Nordquist (Health)		Danielle Little (Social Services)
	Autumn Landers (Library)	27	Jan Snipes (EMS)
	Brenda Thomas (Sheriff's Office)		Stacie Taylor (Public Utilities)
12	Caroline Dupree (Social Services)		Roger Krautkramer (Public Utilities)
13	Kenneth Slattum (Development Services)		Matthew Ballard (Sheriff's Office)
14	Anna Peele (General Services)	28	Jay Sikes (Development Services)
	Michael Blackman (Sheriff's Office)		Christopher Hawk (GIS)
	Mary Couillard (Social Services)	29	Colleen Kelly (Social Services)
15	Harold Manning (Public Utilities)	30	Laquan McKoy (Sheriff's Office)
	Mark Ennis (Library)		

## Employment Anniversaries

The following Harnett County employees celebrate employment anniversaries in November 2016:

5 years	Daniel Pope (Emergency Services)	15 years	Starlette Ockletree (Social Services)
	Christopher Toler (Emergency Services)	20 years	Jimmy Riddle (Emergency Services)
	Rhoda Blake (Social Services)		Ronnie Thompson (Public Utilities)
10 years	Steven Patterson (EMS)	25 years	David Syck (Solid Waste)
	Victor Putnam (Public Utilities)	30 years	Marie Hairr (Sheriff's Office)

## December Employee Birthdays

The following Harnett County employees and board members celebrate birthdays in December. Please join us in wishing these employees a happy birthday.

Dec. 1	Wendy Denning (Sheriff's Office)	15	Lavonda Avery (Health)
	Monnie Lee (Social Services)		Steven Tart (Public Buildings)
2	Andrew Baker (EMS)		Lisa Hinson (Social Services)
	Patti Wilder (Finance)	16	Matthew Seevers (Sheriff's Office)
	James Jones (Sheriff's Office)		Lori Lee (Tax)
	Marie Hairr (Sheriff's Office)	17	Anthony Underhill (Public Utilities)
	Ashana Smith (Social Services)		Jason Clutter (Sheriff's Office)
	Sue Johnson (Tax)		Christin Murphy (Social Services)
3	Kay Capps (Board of Elections)	18	Donna Johnson (Development Services)
	Hannah Bunce (EMS)		Heather Giunta (Library)
	Latessia Greene (Social Services)		Betty Ellis (Sheriff's Office)
4	Hannah Nix-McCann (EMS)	19	Rhonda Wade (Animal Services)
	James Pope (Sheriff's Office)		Jeffrey Armstrong (Sheriff's Office)
	Tara Dixon (Social Services)		Harriette Coley (Social Services)
	Misty Wilson (Social Services)	20	Paul Messina (EMS)
	Catherine Kever (Social Services)		Amy Hennings (EMS)
5	Justin Lugo (EMS)		Kerry Taylor (Soil & Water)
	Benjamin Nuesmeyer (Public Utilities)	21	Lindsey Bennett (Development Services)
	Joshua Teasley (Sheriff's Office)		Beverlin Eason (Health)
	Tina Sills (Social Services)		Larry Smith (Sheriff's Office)
6	Stoney Baker (Public Utilities)		Kathy Mitchell (Social Services)
	Jasper Johnson (Sheriff's Office)		Diana Cortez (Social Services)
	Jose Peralta (Sheriff's Office)	22	Lori Barnes (Health)
7	Daniel Bristow (EMS)		Kathy McNeill (Sheriff's Office)
	Brian Watson (Public Utilities)	23	Kenneth Raynor (EMS)
	Juan Gutierrez (Public Utilities)		Doris Stewart (Sheriff's Office)
	Clayton Williams (Sheriff's Office)	24	Theresa Jones (Development Services)
	Amaris Raynor (Social Services)		Donald Harrop (Development Services)
8	Drew Bryant (Parks & Recreation)		Bobby Strickland (Sheriff's Office)
	Kenneth Atkins (Sheriff's Office)		Sandra Owen (Social Services)
9	Nicholas Everette (Public Utilities)	26	Angie Stewart (Economic Development)
	Veronica Benjamin (Transportation)	27	Kiley Marshall (Transportation)
10	William Sutton (IT)	28	Claire Jones (Board of Elections)
	Christopher Carroll (Sheriff's Office)		Gary Kidd (Sheriff's Office)
	Bronwyn Stinecipher (Social Services)		Teresa Wood (Social Services)
11	Walter Titchener (Sheriff's Office)	29	Patrick Moran (EMS)
	Timothy Bradley (Sheriff's Office)		Deanna Barefoot (Finance)
	Christina Chisholm (Social Services)		Christopher Norris (Public Utilities)
	Stephanie Carpenter (Social Services)	30	Thomas Collins (Fleet Maintenance)
	Peggy Campbell (Transportation)		John Fordham (Sheriff's Office)
12	Christina Williams (EMS)		Kristy Taylor (Tax)
	Kendra Kenney (Social Services)	31	Jeni Harris (Board of Elections)
	Joseph Miriello (Tax)		Deeanna Fairley (Sheriff's Office)
13	Benjamin Rose (Sheriff's Office)		April Crumpler (EMS)
	Terri Strickland (Solid Waste)		Robert Marinez (EMS)
14	Joshua Gilbert (Public Utilities)		Brandon Nordan (EMS)
	Angela McLamb (Human Resources)		Scott Kelly (Sheriff's Office)
	Debbie Taylor (Economic Development)		

## Employment Anniversaries

The following Harnett County employees celebrate employment anniversaries in December 2016:

10 years      Debra Hardison (Sheriff's Office)

# Environmental Quality Secretary Tours Harnett Landfill



North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Donald R. van der Vaart visited the Dunn-Erwin Landfill on October 27 to meet with Harnett County officials and tour one of two disaster storm debris sites the county set up following Hurricane Matthew. The site made debris removal a more efficient process. Harnett County Solid Waste also waived residents' tipping fees for storm debris at both landfills in the weeks after the hurricane, waiving more than \$60,000 in tipping fees.



## FEMA Sets Up Recovery Center in Commons

Following Harnett County's addition to the Federal Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Matthew, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) set up a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in the Harnett County Commons Area. The DRC allowed residents who suffered losses from Hurricane Matthew to apply for assistance. To date, FEMA has distributed nearly \$1.3 million to 1,691 applicants in Harnett County.

## NC Insurance Commissioner Attends SHIIP Town Hall



North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin was at the Harnett County Commons Area on September 15 to educate residents about Medicare benefits and other services as part of a town hall event for the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). From left are Public Health Administrator Mary Jane Sauls, SHIIP volunteers Barbara Sanders and Maybis Bultron, Medicare Counselor Vicky Walden, Commissioner Goodwin, Medicare counselors Latorius Adams and Georgia Lee Brown, and Medicare Coordinator LeAnn B. Blackmon.

## State Transportation Secretary Visits Harnett County



NCDOT Secretary Nick Tennyson visited Harnett County to survey flood damage to roads in the county following heavy rains in late September. Secretary Tennyson addressed the media at Thompson Road near Bunnlevel where the road was completely washed out by floodwater.



## Mental Health Kiosks Placed in DSS, Library



Harnett County and Sandhills Center held a ribbon cutting on October 26 to launch two new Access2Care behavioral health screening kiosks in the Harnett County Department of Social Services and the Harnett County Public Library. The kiosks include an online self-screening tool to provide residents who may suspect they are experiencing behavioral health conditions with greater access to information and assistance. The resource is a first-of-its-kind in Harnett County and Sandhills Center's nine-county region.

## *Cycle NC Rides Through Harnett County*



Cyclists participating in Cycle NC's annual Mountains-to-Coast Bicycle Tour depart from the Cape Fear River Trail Park in Erwin. The park was chosen as a rest stop between Sanford and Clinton along the 400-plus-mile journey from Banner Elk to Atlantic Beach.

Harnett County Parks & Recreation hosted more than 1,000 cyclists during Cycle North Carolina's 18th annual Mountains-to-Coast Bicycle Tour.

The tour stopped at the Cape Fear River Trail Park in Erwin as part of a week-long ride of more than 400 miles across North Carolina from Banner Elk to Atlantic Beach.

The park served as a rest stop between overnight stops in Sanford and Clinton.

In addition to Harnett County Parks & Recreation, Dunn Area Tourism Authority also participated in the event, publicizing attractions in Harnett County in hopes cyclists will come back following their ride.

Participants ranged from age 12 to 89, and represented 35 states, as well as Canada and Great Britain. Cyclists averaged around 60 miles a day with rest stops every 15 to 20 miles.