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UNITED WAY FUNDING APPLICATION PROCESS OPENED JANUARY 23!

APPLY NOW

United Way of Lee County will accept Letters of Intent to Apply for Funding from Lee and Harnett County nonprofit agencies beginning January 23. The Letter of Intent (LOI) can be accessed at www.leecountyunitedway.org and is due February 13 at 5:00 p.m.

United Way uses a two-step application process. Submission of the LOI is the first step; after reviewing all submissions, the United Way Board of Directors will invite qualified organizations to submit a full application for funding.

The Board expects that this will make the application process easier for agencies, since the LOI is less detailed than the full application.

Human-service agencies with 501(c)(3) status and public schools, colleges, and universities serving Lee and/or Harnett County communities are eligible to complete a Letter of Intent.

Detailed eligibility criteria may be found on the LOI. Eligible agencies may apply for traditional United Way program funding and/or for Barrier Busters funding.

Barrier Busters is a United Way program that helps people living in poverty overcome relatively small obstacles that are keeping them from achieving their goals.

More information is available at www.leecountyunitedway.org/barrier-busters; detailed program guidelines may be downloaded from the LOI.



To learn more visit www.leecountyunitedway.org

United Way of Lee County

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HARNETT COUNTY SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL REACHING RURAL INITIATIVE

The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced that seven community leaders from Harnett County were selected to participate in the inaugural class of the Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions Initiative.

Co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Justice Institute, the initiative will support the County's work to address the overdose crisis that has disproportionately affected our local community.

"Illicit substances—particularly powerful synthetic opioids like fentanyl—continue to claim lives at alarming rates. The impact of the opioid crisis has been particularly intense in smaller, more isolated communities where treatment options tend to be scarce," said BJA Director Karhlton F. Moore. "Through the Reaching Rural Initiative, we are working to support rural public safety and public health practitioners to build deeper partnerships and develop collaborative, innovative solutions to address the needs and challenges in their communities."

To lead this initiative in Harnett County, the following community leaders have been selected to serve on a cross-sector team to assist with the creation of bold solutions to combat our local substance abuse challenges.

Coley Price, Harnett County Manager's Office
Christopher Appel, Harnett County Legal Department
John Rouse, Harnett County Health Department
Jeffrey Armstrong, Harnett County Sheriff's Office
Jermaine White, Harnett County Schools
David Tillman, Campbell University
Mark Morris, Good Hope Hospital
Price and Appel will also serve as Co-Chairs of the committee.



For more information on the Reaching Rural Initiative and responses to the opioid epidemic in rural areas, rural.cossapresources.org/reachingrural.

FULL PRESS RELEASE:

<https://harnett.org/publicinfo/news-release.asp?b=7747>

HARNETT REGIONAL JETPORT RANKS # 10 FOR JOBS, ECONOMIC OUTPUT, AND ANNUAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS

Harnett Regional Jetport (HRJ) ranks #10 out of 62 General Aviation Airports in North Carolina in job creation and economic output according to a NC Department of Transportation report released on Monday. The report titled, "North Carolina: The State of Aviation" indicated that Harnett Regional Jetport contributes the following to North Carolina's economy annually:

- **670 direct and indirect jobs**
- **\$147M economic output**
- **\$43.4M personal income**
- **\$6M State & Local Taxes**
- **43 Based Aircraft**
- **51,300 annual flight operations**
- **344,300 Population within 30 minutes**



North Carolina's General Aviation Airports are publicly-owned aviation assets offering a variety of aviation services, but do not have a scheduled passenger service, or one that offers a passenger service with less than 2,500 boardings each year.

These 62 airports accounted for over 28K jobs and \$6+ Billion in economic output, quantified by the impact of spending and jobs supported by the airports directly, businesses that rely on the airport, and visitors.

This study shows a strong and growing aviation economy for North Carolina, with the Harnett Regional Jetport being a significant contributor. This parallels with recent initiatives by the Harnett County Commissioners and the Harnett Regional Jetport Committee to invest in the upgrade of new facilities and infrastructure, including a recent groundbreaking on a new \$5+ Million, 7,361 square foot terminal.

Read the full report at

<https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/aviation/pages/state-of-aviation.aspx>

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applications accepted through **March 31, 2023**

Harnett County Department of Social Services has announced the application process for this year's Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

Eligible households will not receive a LIEAP check, as the payments will be made directly to the heating provider such as your Electric, Gas, or Fuel Oil Company. Interested individuals can apply by:

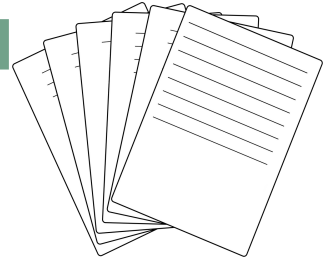
- Calling 910-814-6823
- Applying online at <https://epass.nc.gov/>
- Applying in person at Harnett County Department of Social Services office, located at 311 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd. in Lillington or dropping the application in the Drop Box outside of the office
- Mailing an application to Harnett County Department of Social Services c/o LIEAP program at PO Box 2169 Lillington, NC, 27546
- Faxing an application to 910-814-8242

HARNETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, CALL HARNETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT 910-814-6823 OR VISIT WWW.HARNETT.ORG/SS.



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR YOUTH PROGRAM FUNDING



Proposals will be accepted through February 28, 2023

The Harnett County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is now accepting proposals for fiscal year 2023-2024. The JCPC's Mission is to address the gaps in youth service by promoting prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare strategies, which strengthen families and community safety.

Harnett County JCPC anticipates receiving funds from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Adult Corrections & Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Community Programs section in the amount of \$320,045. These funds are to serve delinquent youth and youth most at risk to become delinquent.

If you have a program serving youth, or are currently seeking funding to start a program to help serve youth, the Harnett County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council will be accepting proposals for the funding period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 from local government agencies and private non-profits with 501-c-3 status.

THE JCPC WILL CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING NEEDED PROGRAMS:

- Parent/Family Skill Building
- Interpersonal Skill Building
- Vocational Skills/Development
- Tutoring/Academic Enhancement
- Mediation/Conflict Resolution
- Restitution/Community Service
- Teen Court/Restorative Justice
- Services Addressing Problem Sexual Behavior
- Juvenile Structure Day Programs

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Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year 2023-2024 beginning on, or after, July 1, 2023. The use of DPS funds in Harnett County does require a 10% local match.

To view the FY 2023-2024 JCPC funding request for proposals, visit harnett.org/jcpc/downloads/2023-24-jcpc-rfp-harnett.pdf.

Applicants will be required to complete training for submitting an application through NCALLIES and additional assistance will be available for anyone who is interested in applying.

Applications can be submitted online at <https://cp.ncdjdp.org/CP/>. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

For further information or technical assistance with the application, please contact JCPC Area Consultant, Crystal Bennett at 919-710-5331.

The JCPC Council is comprised of various private and State agencies. Meetings are held monthly and the public is invited to attend. Contact Kimberly Whitted by email at kwhitted@campbell.edu or by phone at 910-814-5771 to receive the link to the meeting if interested in attending virtually. The meeting schedule can be found at www.harnett.org/jcpc.

NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN FOR 2023 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



Nominations due by February 5, 2023

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award.

The awards program, created by the Office of the Governor in 1979, recognizes North Carolina's most dedicated volunteers. Through the years, the award has been bestowed on thousands of North Carolinians who have shown concern and compassion for their neighbors by volunteering in their local community.

Each county selects up to ten individuals, businesses, groups/teams and one paid Director of Volunteers to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to their communities. One of the nominees will be nominated for the Governor's Medallion Award for Volunteer Service, which is awarded to the top 20 volunteers in the state. A local committee evaluates the nominations.

Harnett County nomination forms are available at the Harnett County Division on Aging, located at 309 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd. Lillington NC 27546 and can be completed online at 2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award Nomination Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Online nominations will automatically be sent to local award coordinators.

Completed nomination forms should be returned to the Harnett County Division on Aging: Attention LeAnn Blackmon, 309 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd. Lillington NC 27546. The deadline to submit a nomination form is February 5, 2023.

For more information on the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award, visit Governor's Volunteer Awards | nc.gov

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COMMISSIONER'S FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

Harnett County Board of Commissioners

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETING &
LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON
FEBRUARY 6
9:00 & 11:45AM

WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 14 9:00 AM

BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20 6:00 PM

WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 28 9:00 AM



The Harnett County Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 AM and the third Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. Meetings are held in the Commissioner Meeting Room on the second floor of the Harnett County Resource Center and Library, located at 455 McKinney Parkway in Lillington. Unable to attend the meetings in person? Watch the live stream at www.harnett.org/boc.

Missed a recent Commissioners Meeting or Work Session? Watch meetings on our Youtube Channel by clicking the red button below!



HARNETT AREA RURAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (HARTS) TRANSPORTATION SURVEY



TAKE SURVEY



The County of Harnett wishes to survey citizens' desire to use public transportation!

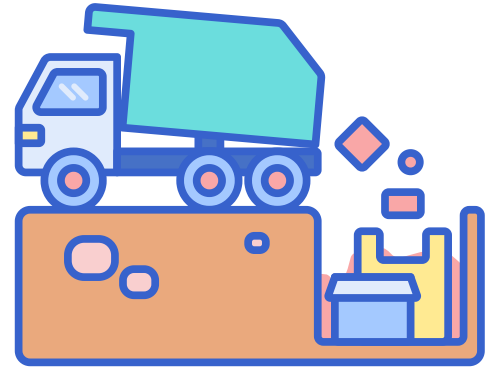
CLICK THE LINK TO TAKE OUR SURVEY:
[SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/QM8XT6W](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QM8XT6W)

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SOLID WASTE

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION FOR SATURDAYS!

Anderson Creek and Dunn-Erwin landfill will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting January 28th.



Clothes Closet



Interviewing Clothes Available NCWorks Career Center Harnett County

900 S. 9th Lillington, NC 27546

Please contact Charlotte Leach for available sizes (910) 893-2191.



An Equal Opportunity Employer Program. Auxiliary aid and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



For more information, contact:

Anitra Hart

Senior Workforce Development
Specialist & NC Works
Career Center Supervisor

ahart@harnett.org
(910)-893-2191

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SMALL BUSINESS CENTER

REGISTER TODAY

FREE ONLINE Small Business Seminars

Sponsored by: Harnett County Small Business Center and Angier, Coats, Dunn, Erwin, and Lillington Chambers of Commerce

Choosing the Right Social Media for Your Business: What do you Need?

Narrow your social media selection and get the pros/cons of the most popular options based on your business type and niche. Learn best practices, posting times, and more!

Start - End Date: 1/24/23 - 1/24/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE **Location:** ONLINE



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Starting a Side Hustle

Learn about setting expectations, time commitments, pricing and financials, and ideas about different types of side hustles.

Start - End Date: 2/01/23 - 2/01/23
Day: Wednesday **Time:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE **Location:** ONLINE

How to Start a Childcare Business - Part 1

This webinar is ideal for aspiring childcare entrepreneurs. Discussion will include regulations, best practices for hiring staff, and resources to get your business started.

Start - End Date: 2/07/23 - 2/07/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: ONLINE

To pre-register or for more information, scan the QR code.



Developing a Winning Business Plan for Your Childcare Business

Learn how to turn your ideas into a solid plan for financing and long-term success. This seminar is designed for new and established childcare business owners.

Start - End Date: 2/09/23 - 2/09/23
Day: Thursday **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE **Location:** ONLINE

Understanding and Managing the Numbers for a Childcare Business

Managing your cash flow, understanding the art of pricing, and controlling expenses are the keys to building a successful child care business.

Start - End Date: 2/15/23 - 2/15/23
Day: Wednesday **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE **Location:** ONLINE

How to Use Instagram Reels for Small Business

Reels is the new flagship of the Instagram platform and they help to increase engagement and gain followers. Create a Reel from scratch!

Start - End Date: 4/04/23 - 4/04/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE **Location:** ONLINE



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Dynamite Marketing on a Firecracker Budget

Discover 30+ low-cost, successful ways to market your business and easily reach customers. You'll also get a FREE list of 100 low-cost marketing tactics.

Start - End Date: 1/12/23 - 1/12/23
Day: Thursday **Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Brick & Mortar Grill, Angier, NC
8 N Broad St. E., Angier, NC
Presenter: Mike Collins



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Selling Made Simple

Learn how customers perceive products and services, learn their expectations, and see how your product can improve their quality of life.

Start - End Date: 2/21/23 - 2/21/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: The Garden State Grill, Lillington, NC
410 Pine State St., Lillington, NC
Presenter: Dr. Michael Barbera

Finding Your Customer & Creating a Marketing Plan

Learn the four ways to describe your customer and sources to find out how many there are in your market area.

Start - End Date: 3/07/23 - 3/07/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: The Currington, Dunn, NC
105 E. Broad St., Dunn, NC
Presenter: Mike Collins

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Quickbooks for Business: Comparing Desktop to Online Versions

Learn the differences between Quickbooks desktop vs. online and determine the best option for your needs.

Start - End Date: 3/14/23 - 3/14/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Harnett Main Campus, Miriello Bldg., Rm. 105
1075 E. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington, NC



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Quickbooks for Business: Desktop Version

Learn the basics of the desktop version of Quickbooks and how to use it to successfully track your small business finances during this in-person workshop.

Start - End Date: 3/21/23 - 3/21/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Harnett Main Campus, Miriello Bldg., Rm. 105
1075 E. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington, NC

Quickbooks for Business: Online Version

Learn the basics of the online version of Quickbooks and to use it to successfully track your small business finances.

Start - End Date: 3/28/23 - 3/28/23
Day: Tuesday **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Harnett Main Campus, Miriello Bldg., Rm. 105
1075 E. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington, NC

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For more information on Small Business Center - Harnett County, NC & Triangle South Enterprise Center, visit <http://www.harnettsbc.com/>

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

PELVIC HEALTH WITH DR. SARA MORRISON

Thursday, February 9th at 5:30

What is the pelvic floor and what does it do?
Are there safe ways to improve pelvic issues without medication?

For answers to these questions, and more, please join the author of "Heal Your Pelvic Floor, Live Your Life!" for a presentation and Q&A session.

This workshop is free and includes a free copy of her book. **Register yourself and bring a friend!**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:

<https://harnett.libcal.com/event/9341810>

FACEBOOK EVENT LINK:

[HTTPS://FB.ME/E/39QKPTIQC](https://fb.me/E/39QKPTIQC)

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BALANCE AND VERTIGO WITH DR. SARA MORRISON

Thursday, February 23rd at 5:30PM

Do you lose your balance? Do you want to prevent a fall?

Do you suffer from vertigo? Are you tired of missing activities because you are afraid of falling?

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CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:

<https://harnett.libcal.com/event/10287590>

FACEBOOK EVENT LINK:

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FREE TAX PREP

*Each Wednesday
Feb 8th thru April 5th*

Free Tax Prep will be available each Wednesday from 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM beginning February 8 through April 5, with the exception of March 8. There will be no tax prep on Wednesday, March 8.

Tax returns will be prepared and filed electronically by volunteers from the Campbell University School of Business working with the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Tax help is provided on a first come, first served basis. No appointments are taken. The volunteers will complete most standard tax returns although there are a few forms and schedules they will not prepare.

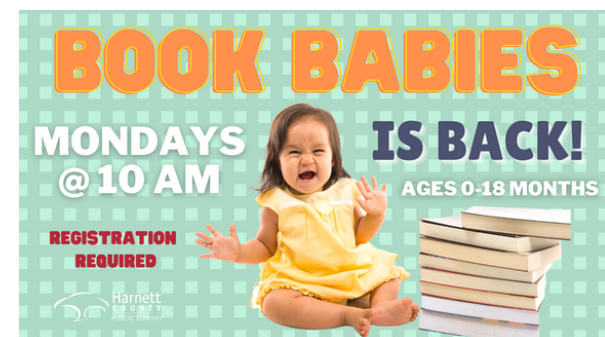
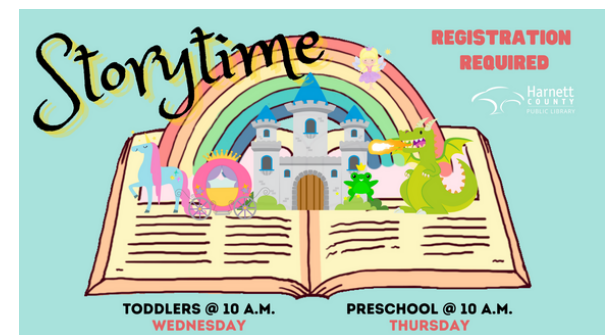
Those seeking tax preparation services must have a photo ID (and photo ID for the spouse, if applicable), social security card (or ITIN) for each person on the tax return (including dependents), and all of the taxpayers' tax forms.

Free Federal tax forms will be available on site. No North Carolina state forms have been provided this year. State tax forms can be obtained by calling the NC Department of Revenue at 1-877-252-3052 or visiting <http://www.dor.state.nc.us>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 910-893-3446.**



For more information on Library programs and events, visit harnett.libguides.com/hcpl or call 910-893-3446.



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EVENTS!**

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MUNICIPAL LIBRARY EVENTS

COATS PUBLIC LIBRARY



February
COATS LIBRARY

February 1
Storytime 10 AM

- Crazy Sock Day
- Wear your craziest socks and bring a mismatched sock to make a sock puppet with us

Lego Club 3:30

- Registration encouraged due to limited space
- Ages 6 and up

February 8
Storytime 10 AM

- What better gift than a book for Valentines.
- Join us for a Valentines themed reading and book craft

Middle School Story 3:30

- We continue reading *Birds Billions* by Edith Cohn, NC

February 15
Storytime 10am

- Outer space Pluto Day

Way Back Wednesday 3:30

- Remember the simpler days of childhood.
- Each Way back we explore something from a different decade.
- This month its game day with different board/card games from decades past.

February 22

Yoga with Ms. Dollie 10 am

- Nursery Rhyme Time
- Registration required
- Ages 3-5

World Travel Club 3:30

- Our next stop is South America.
- We read excerpts from books set in South America, try foods, and stamp our passport.
- Ages 12 and up

coatspubliclibrary@gmail.com

DUNN PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Heroes are invited to a customized Dungeons & Dragons Feylight Forest adventure. It's Saturday February 11th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Dunn Public Library. Ages 10 and up are welcome."



Calling all heroes for an action packed adventure through the Feylight Forest!

Join us at the Dunn Public Library for an afternoon of

Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturday, February 11th
from 11am-1pm**

Ages 10 & up

**Call the library for more info,
or just show up on the day!**

(910) 892-2899

MORE INFO

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EVENTS, VISIT:
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COM/HCPL](http://HARNETT.LIBGUIDES.COM/HCPL)



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MUNICIPAL LIBRARY EVENTS

ERWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



ERWIN LIBRARY
Adult Craft Event

Stirring Up Fun!!

Make Chocolate Spoons
& stir up a tasty cup of
hot cocoa or coffee!

Feb. 9, 2023 @ 3-4PM
Registration Required

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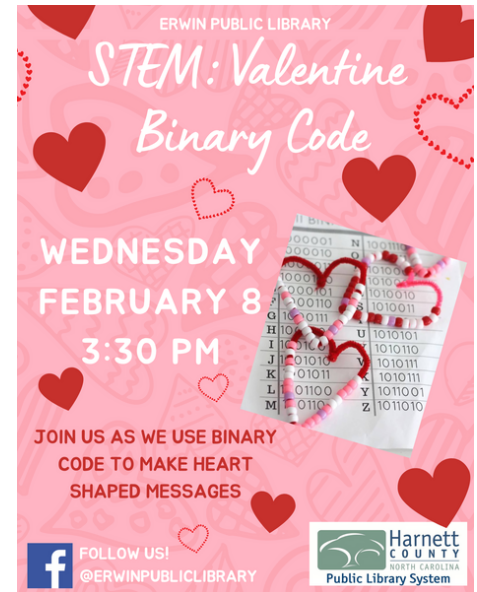
Help Erwin Public Library make
Valentines for our Seniors!

Join us on the February 10th
to make Valentines all day
for our Seniors!

All materials provided. We will donate all
Valentines to Universal Healthcare.

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ERWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 8
3:30 PM

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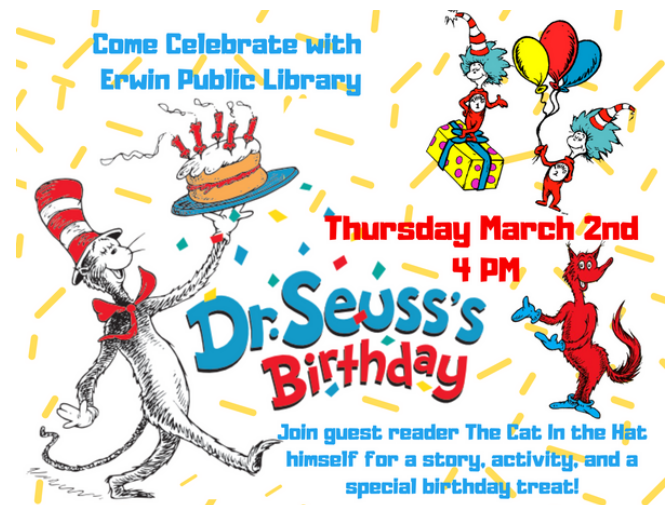
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**Etch In the Name
of Love**

FEBRUARY | 06 | 5PM

Create a beautiful glass
piece for yourself
or to give away
as a gift

ERWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



Come Celebrate with
Erwin Public Library

Thursday March 2nd
4 PM

**Dr. Seuss's
Birthday**

Join guest reader The Cat in the Hat
himself for a story, activity, and a
special birthday treat!

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

GIRLS ARE GREAT & TEEN GIRLS CONFERENCE

We're excited to announce Girls are Great & Teen Girls Conference is returning. Please save the following details: Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Harnett County Resource Center and Library. More details coming soon as the event approaches, please visit our web site for updates. We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more visit,

<https://harnett.org/health/Default.asp?a=7750>



Girls are Great & Teen Girls Conference

Let's talk about Puberty! Join us tweens and teens girls ages 9-16 bring your Mom/Guardian to our conference that will provide information on the physical and emotional changes that take place with girls during puberty. Teens get answers about topics including teen health, healthy dating, relationships, and more!



Saturday, April 15, 2023
9:00am- 1:00pm
(Doors open at 8:30am)

Harnett County Resource Center and Library
455 McKinney Parkway, Lillington

Workshops ♦ Exhibits ♦ Selfie Station ♦ Breakfast ♦ Fun Sessions ♦ Lunch ♦ Swag Bags & More!

It's "Great" being a Girl!

Registration Required. Cost: \$7.00 per person.
***Seating is limited.**

More information coming soon!

Harnett County Health Department 910-893-7550
Cooperative Extension, Harnett County 910-893-7534



WIC MAKES A HEALTHY DIFFERENCE:

WIC, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, provides nutritious foods at no cost to pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and their infants and children to age five. Applicants must meet nutritional risk criteria, be income eligible and be a NC Resident. WIC provides foods that are high in protein, iron, vitamin D, vitamin A, and vitamin C via an electronic benefit card. Participants can use the eWIC card at approved grocery stores. In addition, the WIC staff teach you good nutrition practices to help you and your children know more about the foods you should eat. Staff will provide Breastfeeding support and Nutrition education for women, their infants and children. They will also refer you for other services. Good nutrition and good health are keys to your children growing strong and healthy.

Call the Harnett County WIC Program for more information at 910-893-7570. The WIC office main site is located inside the Harnett County Dept. of Health at 307 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd. in Lillington, NC. This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.



DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 POSITIVE- TELEMEDICINE APPOINTMENT

Get COVID-19 treatment quickly with a free telemedicine appointment without leaving home. You have to start taking treatment within 5 days after your symptoms begin – seek treatment early. People who test positive for COVID-19 with an at-home test or other method can set up an appointment online at <https://starmed.care/nc/> or call 704-941-6000, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is no cost to the patient.

LEARN MORE



RAPID ANTIGEN COVID-19 TESTING

Rapid Antigen COVID-19 testing is available in Lillington each Friday from 9:00am-11:00am at the Governmental Complex-Commons. As we approach the holidays, appointments are becoming limited. An appointment is recommended, to schedule an appointment please call 910-814-6582. The Health Department is located within the Governmental Complex at 309 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd in Lillington.



For more information on Health Department programs and events, visit harnett.org/health or call (910) 893-7550

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

SAVE THE DATE

SEED THE NEED TO READ

April 22, 2023



SEED THE NEED TO READ

Save the date for our first-ever Seed the Need to Read event on April 22, 2023, from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm at Harnett County Agriculture Center (126 Alexander Drive, Lillington) for a day filled with gardening fun and family activities. Stay tuned for more details!



For more information on Health Department programs and events, visit harnett.ces.ncsu.edu/ or call (910) 893-7530

HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

WELCOME NEW HARETT COUNTY EMPLOYEES!



BENEFITS

HR will hold a Retirement Information and Planning Session on March 1, 2023 from 1pm-3pm in Training Room 103A.

Christy Kelly, Retirement Education Counselor, with Empower will be here to answer 401k/457 questions as well. This meeting is intended for all employees regardless of where they are in their career.



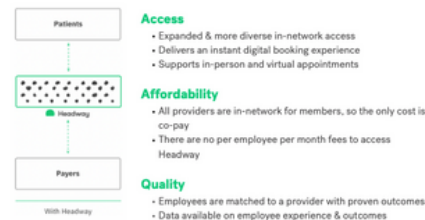
Introducing expanded on-demand access to behavioral health benefits, making it easier for members to see in-network providers

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) is working with Headway, a mental health care company, to make it easier for members to see in-network providers, with a focus on underserved communities, including rural areas and socially vulnerable counties, children and adolescents, and individuals across diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Problem Today's fragmented behavioral health system is not built to deliver quality, affordable care

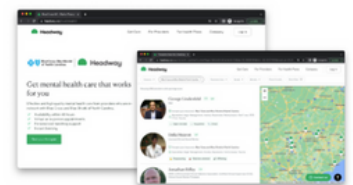


What Headway does Headway solves fragmentation to solve access and quality



How it Works

- Members go to headway.co/bluecrossnc**
Members can also start their search on the Blue Cross NC directory.



- Members tell Headway what they're looking for**
They can choose concerns and/or preferences for therapy to find their best match. Headway calculates the exact cost before the session.
- Start in-person or virtual therapy**
Members choose a therapist from their matches and book their first appointment right on Headway.

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HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

EMPLOYEE SHOUTOUTS!



·**Steven Gazley (Building Inspections)** – Passed two level II state exams in Building and mechanical.

·**Kyle Holder (Code Enforcement Officer)** – **Became a Certified Zoning Officer (CZO) by passing the certification test.**

·**Francisca Lopez, Custodian in Facilities**, cleans multiple County buildings and we have received awesome feedback from the Departments.

·**Kenneth Matthews, Facility Maintenance Technician II in Facilities**, is always willing to help, comes in early ,stays late, always at work. If something needs doing he will go the extra mile.

· **Marvin Tawney, Veterans Services Specialist**, deserves a shout out. He has gone that extra mile to attend an ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) program. He now will bring the valuable training back to the County so that other County employees can benefit from this training. ASIST is a program that focuses on understanding the ways personal and societal attitudes affect views on suicide and intervention, it provides guidance and suicide first-aid to persons at risk, identifies the key elements of an effective suicide safety plan, recognizing other important aspects of suicide prevention including self-care and life promotion and teaches the value of improving and integrating suicide prevention resources in the community at large.

On Tuesday, January 24, 2023 around 11:42am, **Mike Carroll, Paramedic and Wesley Turner, EMT (along with Lillington Fire Department first responders)** responded to an overdose call at the Harnett County Courthouse and the crew provided life-saving first aid.

JOB REFERRAL PROGRAM

JOIN OUR TEAM



Don't forget that you can receive 4 hours of admin leave if you refer an individual to apply for a vacant position and that individual is successfully hired! Help us spread the word that Harnett County is HIRING and is a GREAT place to work!



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