



# CCHA Bulletin

April 2024

*Caswell County Historical Association*  
THE OFFICIAL SITE OF THE CCHA & THE RICHMOND-MILES MUSEUM



The English word April comes from the Latin Aprilis, the name given to the month by the ancient Romans. No one knows for certain why the Romans named it as they did. Some Roman authors thought that Aprilis was related to the Latin verb aperire meaning "to open," because April "opened" the buds of leaves and flowers.

## APRIL FACTS

America's first astronauts were announced by NASA on April 9, 1959

The first *Webster* Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828

The *Titanic* sank on April 15, 1912

The *Revolutionary War* in America began on April 19, 1775

## Rosenwald Schools Project of Caswell County

Caswell History Speaks created a Podcast in 2023 that captures the beginnings of a one room school and ends with a

celebration of accomplishments have not been told before in a historical perspective of how African American children of Caswell County were educated and who attended the Rosenwald Schools. The Rosenwald Schools in Caswell County were: Beulah, Blackwell, Dotmond, Milton, New Ephesus, and Yanceyville. By listening to the storytellers recalled experiences, the listeners will gain a vivid idea of how black youth were educated in the segregated south during the 1940's through 1960's. These African American storytellers share their stories of the one room schoolhouses, its student's commitment to move forward in spite of segregation, and the celebration of the triumph over that system. The Podcast, (Episodes 1-4), consists of current and former Caswell residents who will also talk about how the foundations of religion played a part in the African American educational experience in Caswell County as well. We cannot let our history die. Let's continue to tell our stories for documentation.



On Oct 8, 1915, the Warren Grove School, North Carolina's first Rosenwald School, was completed. During the 1914-1915 academic year, NC received funding for its first Rosenwald schools, although the Rosenwald Fund's School Building Program did not begin until the nonprofit was incorporated in 1917. Using Tuskegee's architectural plans for school houses as a model, the Warren Grove School in Chowan County, a two-teacher floorplan, was built for a total cost of \$1,622. The black community had contributed \$486, the white community and the school system furnished \$836, and Julius Rosenwald himself had contributed \$300, the maximum amount initially allocated for any schoolhouse. To learn more click [here](#).



**Caswell History Speaks Presents:  
Caswell County Rosenwald Schools**

**Please Join Us In**

**Listening to our stories  
Participating in workshops**

**April 20, 2024**

**10 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Gunn Memorial Library  
161 Main Street East  
Yanceyville, NC**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND OPENED TO THE PUBLIC!**

**Scrumptious Food, Live Entertainment, Youth Activities, Door Prizes**

**Special Guests**

**The Dance House, Stephannie Walters, Praise and Dance Teams,  
Beverly Gwynn, Fred Motley, Chris Miles, and Micky Mills**

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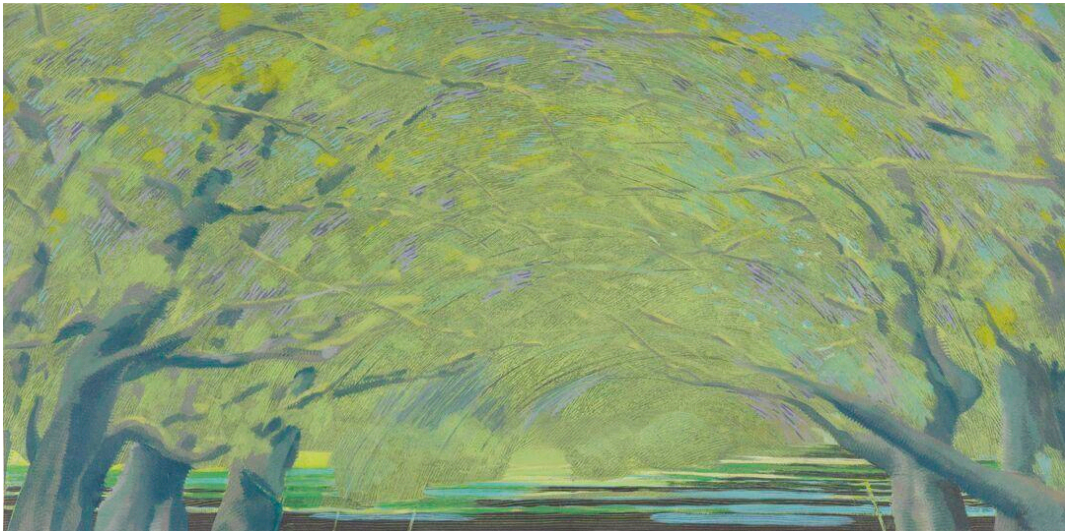
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Caswell History Speaks



**Maud Gatewood Special Exhibit  
Blowing Rock, NC - June 2024**

Blowing Rock, NC (April 8, 2024)—The Blowing Rock Art & History Museum (BRAHM) is announcing an upcoming exhibition, “The Hard Edge & The Soft Line: A Retrospective of Maud Gatewood.” The exhibition will be on view in the Fort, Atwell, and Rankin East Galleries of the Museum from June 28, 2024, through January 5, 2025.

Maud Gatewood (1934–2004) remains a central figure in the art history of North Carolina and America. A painter of exacting technique with a keen eye for composition and cultural commentary, her pictures captured the Carolinas—and the world beyond—across much of the 20th century.

A native of Yanceyville in Caswell County, NC, Gatewood’s paintings reveal rural landscapes and people in the midst of transformation while cleverly framing the experience of modern life with acerbic wit and a wealth of empathy. Read more by clicking [here](#).



***The Blowing Rock Museum*** - 159 Ginny Stevens Lane, Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
Where the special exhibit of Maud Gatewood's work will be on display June 28, 2024 - January 5, 2025



### **Membership Renewal Time**

If you have not already done so, please consider renewing your membership or joining. In 2024 we are hopeful to complete the exterior renovations and are also working on the interior displays and programming.



### **Opportunities to make a difference**

Looking to get involved in the community on your own schedule?

Looking to give back?

Give us a call!

Thank you for your continued support!

*Click here to download the application*

We would be happy to speak with you about ways you can be a part of the CCHA that works with your schedule.

336-694-4965

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



WELCOME TO THE

**Caswell  
Farmers  
Market**

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
FROM 4:00-6:30PM

**Opening Day:**  
**April 18, 2024**

158 E CHURCH ST,  
YANCEYVILLE, NC 27379

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# CASWELL FARMERS MARKET

EVERY THURSDAY STARTING APRIL 18-SEPTEMBER 19 FROM 4:00-6:30PM

FOR PARKING DIRECTIONS, 158 E. CHURCH ST. YANCEYVILLE, NC 27379

CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY VENDOR FLYER ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA LISTED BELOW

**April 18th**  
Music "Phase II"  
Food Trucks "Holy Mole" and  
"Kona Ice of Rockingham  
County"

**April 25th**  
Music "Mel Melton"  
"\$1 slice of pizza from Venice  
Italian Restaurant"

**May 2nd**  
Music "Dos Guitars"  
Food Truck "Soulful Peartree"

**May 9th**  
Music "Matt Crowder"  
Food Trucks "Boardwalk  
Baker" and "GingerHearts"

**May 16th**  
Music "TBD"  
Food Truck "Holy Mole"

**May 23rd**  
Music "Matt Crowder"  
Food Truck "TBD"

**May 30th**  
Music "Mickey Mills"  
Food Truck "The Mess Hall"  
Our thanks to the Caswell Arts  
and the North Carolina Arts  
Council for generously  
providing the music talent for  
this market season.

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## Community Luncheons Cancelled until AUGUST

Due to the damage done to the  
CoSquare building, the monthly  
luncheons will resume  
Wed. August 21.



A location will be confirmed later this summer.



**FIRST  
FRIDAY**

**CONCERT  
& CRUISE IN**

**MAY 3  
7:00 PM**



### **NuSoul Band**

**Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles Welcome!**

**Food for purchase**

Bring a yard chair, relax and enjoy the community.

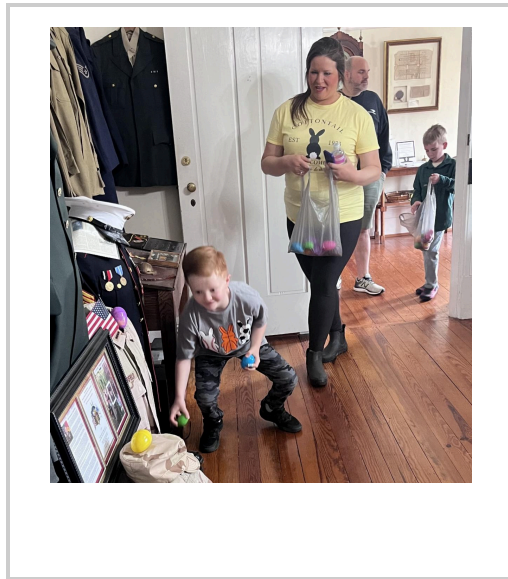


Event at 158 E. Church St., Yanceyville, NC 27379

## **Other Updates**

### **Easter Egg Coloring and Hunt**

The CCHA annual Easter event was a lot of fun at the Richmond-Miles Museum. Dyeing Easter Eggs the historical way -- with natural items--was held on March 23 and provided the youngsters (and parents alike) the chance to have a little bit of history included in the tradition. The use of onion skins, coffee, blueberries and beets produced some colorful eggs. It was a rainy day outside so the hunt was held indoors.



## TOURISM IN CASWELL

If you have not had the chance to check out the new Caswell County Tourism Development Authority (CCTDA) website, you can by clicking [here](#).



## More on Julius Rosenwald



Julius Rosenwald, American businessman & philanthropist. Best known as part-owner and leader of Sears, Roebuck and Company, and for establishing the Rosenwald Fund.

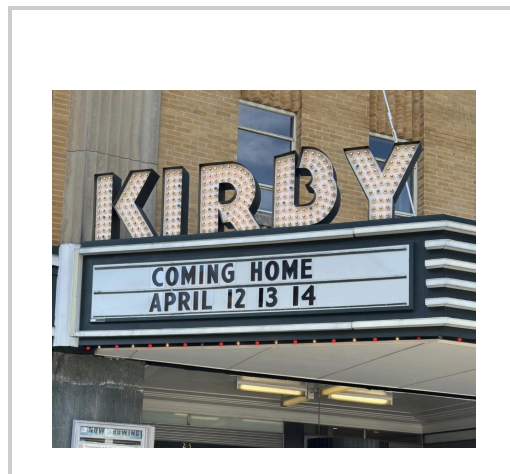
After moderate success in the clothing business in *New York City* (1879–85) and *Chicago* (1885–95), Rosenwald bought a one-fourth interest in *Sears, Roebuck and Company*, which became the world's largest mail-order house and chain of retail stores. In 1910 he succeeded *Richard Warren Sears* as president, and in 1925 he was named chairman of the Sears board of directors. Rosenwald and A.H. Loeb, treasurer of the company, established

an *exemplary* savings and profit-sharing program for employees. Under Rosenwald's leadership, Sears began to manufacture its own merchandise



and instituted the policy of guaranteeing full refunds to dissatisfied customers.

Inspired by *Booker T. Washington* in the early 1900s, he was concerned with the welfare of Black Americans. In 1917 he established the Julius Rosenwald Fund (to be expended within 25 years after his death and liquidated in 1948), the chief purpose of which was the improvement of education for *African American* students. Augmented by local taxes and private gifts and working in partnership with Washington, the fund paid for the construction of roughly 5,000 schools—later *dubbed Rosenwald schools*—in 15 southern states. The fund also gave fellowship grants to Black artists and writers, including *Marian Anderson, Maya Angelou, W.E.B. Du Bois, Aaron Douglas, Katherine Dunham, Langston Hughes, and Augusta Savage*. Courtesy Encyclopedia Britannica



## Special 'Shout Out' to our friends and neighbors in Milton!

From Shirley Cadmus' post, owner of the *Milton Studio Art Gallery*, on Facebook this past weekend:

Milton's Got Talent!! A shout out to our very own mayor, Angela Daniel Upchurch for writing this play featuring one of Caswell County's own, Moses Roper, who, despite unbearable circumstances, ended up in England and Ireland giving lectures, writing a book about his travels and life, never held a grudge against his oppressors, was an exceptional example of goodness and love for family.

Congratulations to Anthony Hearn!!! What a voice!!

And Milton Town Councilwoman Jackie Jeffries, Carrie (Stoudenmire), Ryan (Harris), Jameson (Harris), etc. (the names I can't remember) who freely volunteered their time and energy to bring this production to life!!!!  
TEAMWORK!

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Congratulations Angela and the people of Milton for this wonderful example of sharing history in a way all can positively relate!

Cast and production team also included: Tiffany Long, Kenny Walters, Roderick Shephard, Rich Galowitch, Mike Moose, Terry Scoggins, Brie McCord, Zach Rodgers & Kirby Staff. The play was directed by Fred Motley.



Scenes from the play 'Coming Home'



As we approach the 250th Birthday of the United States, there will be numerous efforts in each state to celebrate the event. The NC efforts will be shared over the next year once their website is launched and events are planned.

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Join Us

See what is going on in the community  
from a historical perspective.

All are welcome.

Annual Memberships - \$35

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