



CCHA Bulletin

May 2024

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



Historical May Facts

May 1, 1931 The Empire State Building opened
May 10, 1869 Transcontinental Railroad is completed
May 11, 1858 Minnesota was admitted to the Union

May 14, 1804, Lewis and Clark began their trip up the
Missouri River

May Museum Updates



Richmond-Miles Museum receives a new standing seam metal roof

If you were in town during May, you likely saw the work being done on the roof of the museum. The building was in need of a new roof and the CCHA worked to bring it back as closely as possible to its original look.

A special thanks and recognition of the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region for the funding provided to make this important work happen.

The CCHA was just notified that the *Marion Steadman Covington* Foundation has awarded the organization \$8,000 to assist in the repair of the basement/cellar door area of the building. With all the recent rain, there has been flooding in the basement and the area is in great need of repair..

Tours are Back!
**Historical Court House, Jail and
One Room School House**

The CCHA provided a tours to a group from Salisbury, NC recently. The group was in town this month to see the various sites. Another tour group visited over the Memorial Day Weekend.

CCHA President, Jeff Nidle provided the tours of the historical buildings including the old court house, jail and one room schoolhouse.

The historic jail is in need of repair and the CCHA is looking for grant opportunities to help. This is a treasure that often is overlooked as it sits behind the historic courthouse. The jail was used until 1973 and the sheriff and his family lived in the building too on the first floor! The jail is one of the only jails left in NC with gallows included, however they were never used due to the change in laws.



Organ Church Senior Citizen Group,
Salisbury, NC



The Caswell County Historical Jail in
need of repair



CCHA Receives Historical Records Collection from the Lloyd Blalock Family

The Blalock family of Prospect Hill, has provided a collection of historic records, books, papers and documents from the early years in the county.

The CHHA appreciates this contribution and welcomes the new additions to the Richmond-Miles Museum's historical library.

More on Maud

In the last 'Bulletin' the announcement about the upcoming exhibit of Maud Gatewood's work that will be presented at the Blowing Rock Museum, Blowing Rock, NC was shared. The Caswell County Historical Association and Caswell Arts Council hosted the team from the Blowing Rock Museum earlier this month as they came to the county to learn more about the land Maud portrayed in her paintings.

BRAHM Blowing Rock Arts & History Museum



The Hard Edge & The Soft Line: A Retrospective of Maud Gatewood

The group visited the Richmond-Miles Museum, Yanceyville Museum of Art in the Yanceyville Municipal Building and also traveled to Milton and toured the Thomas Day House where pieces Maud contributed to the museum were discussed. A trip to the Danville Museum of Art followed where an exhibit of Maud's was also seen.

Maud's Work Depicting Caswell County



Spots - Herd in Shade (1979)
On display Yanceyville Museum of Art



Dinnertime
On display at Yanceyville Museum of Art

Maud Gatewood (1934–2004) is an exceptional figure in the art history of North Carolina and the American Southeast. A painter of exacting technique with a keen eye for composition and cultural commentary, her pictures capture the Carolinas (and the expanding world beyond) across much of the 20th Century. A native of Yanceyville in Caswell County, NC, Gatewood's paintings reveal rural landscapes and their denizens in the midst of transformation while also cleverly framing the experience of modern life with acerbic wit and a surprising wealth of empathy. Learn more about the exhibit by clicking [here](#).

Blowing Rock
Art & History Museum
159 Ginny Stevens Lane
Blowing Rock, NC, 28605

Visitors in town preparing
for the exhibit



**The Historic District
Downtown Yanceyville**

An overview of the Historic Downtown Yanceyville was recently completed. The Caswell County Tourism Development Authority with insights from the CCHA developed an overview outlining the official Historic District in Downtown Yanceyville. This piece provides a brief description of the structures that are included in the historic district approved by the State of North Carolina in 1973. Copies are available at the Richmond-Miles Museum and by contacting VisitCaswell.com



America will be Celebrating our 250 Birthday in 2026

Plans are in motion for the celebration.

At the Caswell County Historical Association, we have presented a Resolution for the County to have an official committee for the planning process and it was approved by the County Commissioners. The CCHA is now applying for a grant for funding to assist in the county's celebration.

More details will be coming on this project and we invite you to let us know if you'd like to be involved. We are seeking individuals that are interested in the history of the county and want to help

It is a great way for citizens, schools, churches and organizations to be a part of the celebration.

To learn more, click *here*. If you are interested, email *here*.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Memorial Day Ceremony

Yanceyville Town Pavilion

Downtown Yanceyville on Cole St.

May 27, 2024

11:00 AM - Monday

GUEST SPEAKER:

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret)

Antonio W. Foster

Outdoor event: rain or shine - Bring your lawn chairs

Sponsored by: Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 7316, American Legion Post 89,
Caswell County Senior Center

Caswell County Farmers Market

LIVE MUSIC, FOODTRUCK & KIDS ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

Local produce, farm fresh eggs, local beef & honey

Thursdays 4:00 - 6:30pm



Yanceyville Pavilion
158 E. Church St.
Yanceyville, NC 27379

CaswellLocalFoods.org

*There is
MUSIC at EVERY MARKET
Here's the lineup:*

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.



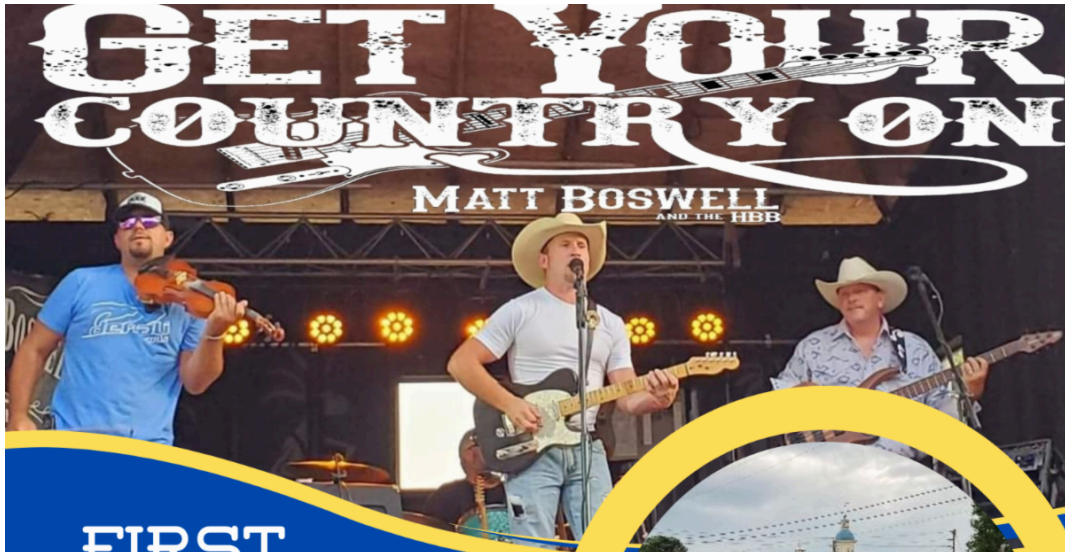
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Caswell Farmers Market



**FIRST
FRIDAY**
**CONCERT
& CRUISE IN**
JUNE 7
7:00 PM



Matt Boswell & the Hillbilly Band
Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles Welcome!
Food for purchase
Bring a yard chair, relax and enjoy the community.

 **YANCEYVILLE**

158 E. Church St., Yanceyville, NC 27379



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY JUNE 28, 2024

5:00 FESTIVITIES BEGIN
Yanceyville Pavilion - 158 E. Church Street
Yanceyville, NC

More Details Coming Soon!

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



**Opportunities to make
a difference**

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.

Thank you for your continued support!

[Click here to download the application](#)

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

Looking to give back?

Give us a call!

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

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See what is going on in the community from a historical perspective.
All are welcome.
Annual Memberships - \$35

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