



CCHA Bulletin

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



Summer is coming...along with the chores!

Tom Sawyer had the responsibility of whitewashing Aunt Polly's front picket fence. The fence was 30 yards wide and 9 feet high. Most people would agree this wouldn't be a fun task.

On Saturday morning, Tom was whitewashing the fence when he saw Ben approaching. Tom put on a smile and showed Ben how he was really enjoying the activity.

Ben, on his way to the swimming hole, approached Tom and said, "Pity you've got to work on Saturday morning; I'm on my way to go swimming."

Tom responded, "Sorry Ben, but you don't understand. Work is something you are obliged to do. Besides I don't think there is more than one person in one thousand—maybe in two thousand—who can whitewash Aunt Polly's fence the way she wants it. She isn't too particular about her back fence, but she is very particular about her front fence—right here on the street."

Ben said, "Can I try it?"

Tom responded, "I'm not sure. If the whitewash isn't done exactly the way Aunt Polly wants it, she'll be very angry."

Ben said, "Let me try."

Tom retorted, "I don't know."

Ben pleaded, "C'mon Tom. Give me a chance!"

Tom shot back, "I don't know Ben. What've you got?"

Ben pulled out two marbles.

Tom responded with reluctance on his face, "Okay, but be very careful; otherwise, you can't do it."

Tom, with Ben at his side, eagerly continued whitewashing the fence.

A few minutes later, another teenager was walking toward the swimming hole when he came upon Tom and Ben having a good time.

The same scene was reenacted—again, again, and again.

Before long, Tom was sitting under an apple tree counting his bounty while a bunch of boys—whose intentions that Saturday morning were to go swimming—found themselves eagerly whitewashing Aunt Polly's picket fence.

We're often told, "Do what you love." It's great advice, because when you love what you're doing, you can often reduce stress. But what if you have to do something you don't love? Can it still be enjoyable?

Tom had discovered a grand law of human behavior. He could reduce stress about a project if he turned the situation around. When you view the task as a chore, it is one. Similarly, when you view the task as a fun adventure, it is one.

Consider an adventure with us as we paint our fence around the museum in downtown Yanceyville! Like Tom Sawyer, we may even let you help and join in on the fun!

adopted from work & stress Dr. Marvin Marshall

Here's What We've Been Up To

The Painting of the Richmond-Miles Museum

If you were in the area over the last month, you likely noticed the big blue tarps spreading around the Richmond-Miles House. The painters were careful to cover the areas where they were sanding and scraping off the old paint. A generous grant from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region has provided the funding to make this work possible.

Board President, Jeff Nidle, worked closely with the painting team to repair boards and facing that were in need of fixing prior to painting. Jeff coordinated all the work and continues to manage the final project of getting the shutters and fencing painted. The board plans to work together on getting this done themselves to save money. If you know of a group looking for a service project, please contact us as we would love to work together with them.

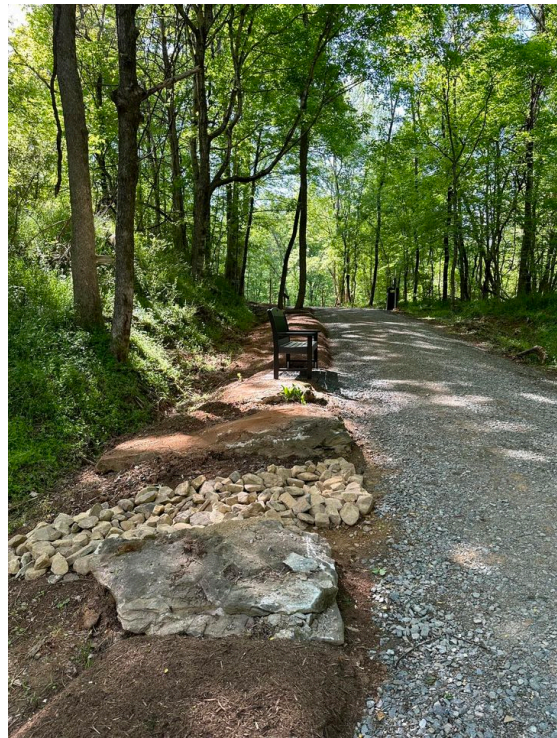
The CCHA is looking to apply for another grant in the upcoming months for the final funding for the repair of the garage and Maud Gatewood's studio also on the museum property.





Milton Trail Opening

The Milton Heritage Greenway & Walking Trail officially opened on May 7, 2023. There was a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony along with fun for the whole family. The trail work has been supported by the Town of Milton, and has found corporate funding from Make More Happen Together/Danville Regional Foundation, Duke Energy and Compassion Health Care. Hyco Lake Magazine (NCVA Media) and Milton 66 have also supported the trail work along with private citizens. The Milton Renaissance Foundation serves as organizational sponsor for the project.



Upcoming Events



Join us:

Monday

**May 29,
2023**

11:00 AM

To Honor and
Remember

Yanceyville Town Pavilion
Downtown Yanceyville on Cole St.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mario Delavega, US Army

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



National Trails Day

Family Fun Walk



Saturday, June 3 - 9 AM - Noon

Explore the Caswell Senior Center Trail - trail head behind Yoder's Amish Market - 90 County Home Rd. Blanch, NC.

Kid's Nature Scavenger Hunt Worksheet will be available at the trail head as well as stickers, and more!



www.YearoftheTrailNC.org



The Caswell
Farmers Market

New Location at the Pavilion Area

Right behind the Museum!

The shopping traffic at the Farmers Market has increased in this new location!
Come out to shop, support our local farmers and see your neighbors!

Thursday afternoons from 4:00 - 6:30 pm.

Parking: 158 E. Church Street, Yanceyville, NC 27379

Help us make a positive impact in Caswell

For only \$25 you can support the work of the
Caswell County Historical Association.

Preserving and learning from our history can help us pave the way to a better
future for our children. We invite you to join us on the journey.

[Join Today](#)

History does not belong to us; we belong to it.”
Hans-Georg Gadamer

MILTON NEWS

Recently Milton's Historic Christ Church was dedicated as The Jean Bradsher Scott Renaissance Center. This facility will serve as a Performance Venue and



Inside Christ Church - The Jean Bradsher Scott Renaissance Center

Museum Annex for the Milton Renaissance Museum & Visitor Center.

Also in Milton, the Cedars Cemetery has been undergoing significant landscaping work. Preserving this important part of the town's history has been taken on by volunteers nearby.



Cedars Cemetery



Caswellians Doing Well...

Derwin H. Swann who was raised in Yanceyville and is a 1978 graduate of Bartlett Yancey High School and a 1982 graduate of Winston-Salem State University

Swann is the son of William and Luella Bell Swann of Caswell County. On May 4, 2023 in Orlando, Florida his hotel, the Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles Hotel, was named the 2022 Hotel of the Year in the Premium & Classic Category for Marriott Full Service Hotels in the USA and Canada. Swann is the General Manager of the Hotel and he is standing between David Marriott, his Chairman of the Board and Liam Brown, his Group President for North America as they receive the award. A number of Swann's classmates live in Caswell County



Other News...

The Danville Casino Opens: Future Home of Caesars Resort

On May 15, 2023 the temporary casino in Danville, VA opened for business. One of the CCHA board members was able to get a sneak peak at a special charity event the week prior and shared a few photos.



The casino is sure to impact the Caswell community in many ways. We are hopeful to attract some travelers to tour the historical sites in the area and are working with the newly formed Tourism Development Authority (TDA) for grant opportunities available for marketing to tourists.



JULY LIVES & TIMES

Stay tuned for the upcoming Lives & Times long form newsletters coming to members later this summer

Detailed information on the exterior renovation work being done on the Richmond-Miles Museum will be included, along with other historical news.



The cover of the July 'Lives and Times' newsletter. It features a green header with the title 'Lives and Times' and 'Caswell Historical Association Newsletter'. Below the header, there is a yellow starburst graphic that says 'Watch for the July Lives & Times'. The main content area is white with a green border. It includes a table of contents with items like 'Caswell Businesses Over the Years' and 'C. B. Rogers General Merchandise'. There is also a note about Sandra Aldridge providing research and content for the newsletter.

Lives and Times

Caswell Historical Association Newsletter

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Caswell Businesses Over the Years

From the early days of Caswell County to the present, there have been many retail, manufacturing and service-oriented businesses that were established and operated by local citizens. Some were fortunate enough to stay in operation for decades...yet others became victims to the realities of an ever-changing market.

With this issue of 'Lives and Times' we are beginning a series of articles that will highlight some of the long-lasting or prominent business entities across our county. We will begin the series with a look back at establishments located in the center of the county in Yanceyville (the county seat).

Note: Before we start, a 'tip of the hat' to Sandra Aldridge, who will be providing most of the research and content for this series.

C. B. Rogers General Merchandise

Clyde Banks Rogers was born in Person County on

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