



CCHA Bulletin

APRIL 2025

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

APRIL HISTORICAL EVENTS



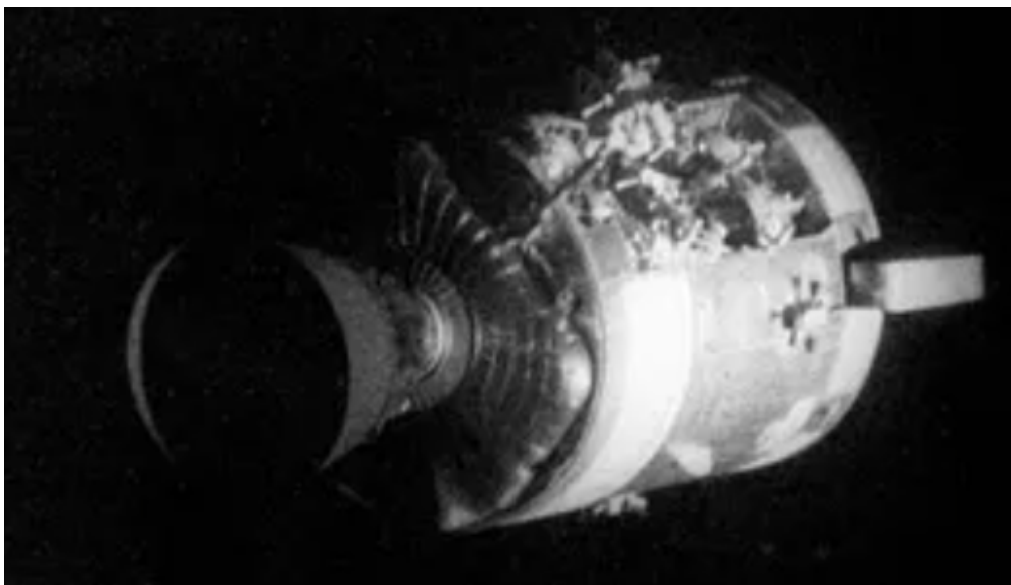
THE PONY EXPRESS (click heading for details)

April 3, 1860 - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATED (click heading for details)

April 4, 1968 - Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee. As head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he had championed non-violent resistance to end racial oppression and had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He is best remembered for his *I Have a Dream* speech delivered at the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington. That march and King's other efforts helped the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1986, Congress established the third Monday in January as a national holiday in his honor.



APOLLO 13 Launched (click heading for details)

April 11, 1970 - Apollo 13 was *launched* from Cape Kennedy at 2:13 p.m. Fifty-six hours into the flight an oxygen tank exploded in the service module. Astronaut John L. Swigert saw a warning light that accompanied the bang and said, "Houston, we've had a problem here." Swigert, James A. Lovell and Fred W. Haise then transferred into the lunar module, using it as a "lifeboat" and began a perilous return trip to Earth, splashing down safely on April 17th. as a national holiday in his honor.

Renew Your Membership Here

'Before Us' Mural Dedication

The Caswell Arts Council coordinated the dedication of the 'Before Us' Mural in late March. The organization received a grant to have the image painted in Downtown Yanceyville on the CoSquare building on Main Street. The mural includes four prominent historical Caswell figures that were connected to Yanceyville - N.L. Dillard, Maud Gatewood, Neil Watlington and Henrietta Jeffries. The Caswell County Historical Association participated by including displays and history on each of the individuals at the Richmond-Miles Museum. For details, click [here](#).



ANNUAL EASTER EGG DYEING & HUNT

April 12 the Caswell County Historical Association held its annual historical Easter Egg Dyeing presentation followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. All in attendance had a fun time!



What is FOCos?



Free Onsite Consultation Services

Small and Emerging Museums

Resources, Advice, Expertise



**NORTH CAROLINA
MUSEUMS COUNCIL**
Building Better Museums Together

The Caswell County Historical Association is in the process of working with the North Carolina Council of Museums in their FOCos program. This opportunity provides advice and guidance to small or emerging museums using the resources and expertise found in established museums around the state. We look forward to sharing more as we progress with the plans.

OTHER NEWS



**The next Caswell County Farmers Market –
Thursday, May 1, 2025**

The Caswell County Farmers Market is open Thursday, May 1 from 4:00–6:30 PM at the Pavilion in Yanceyville. Come shop fresh seasonal produce, pasture-raised meats, home-baked treats and more while enjoying an evening

out with your neighbors! Supporting this market means supporting our local farms and community.

Participating Farms & Vendors Signed up So Far for this week:

- Baldwin Beef
- Cole Family Farms
- Cornerstone Garlic Farm
- Country Line Bakery
- Foxwood Farms
- Goat Stuff by Elyhar
- Krunch Kandeze
- Little Meadows Farm
- Mike's Local Honey
- Pass Gen Farm
- Piedmont Progressive Farmers Cooperative – Redding Roost

In honor of National Strawberry Month, our Tooth Fairy table will feature special strawberry-themed fun!

Community Programs & Entertainment

- A new Donation Station launches at this market featuring Caswell Locust Hill Food Pantry. Shoppers can contribute to a collection that will purchase fresh produce from our farmers and donate it to Caswell-area food pantries. Thanks to generous local businesses sponsoring this program, every donation helps feed hungry neighbors while supporting our growers.
- Caswell County Partnership for Children – This local nonprofit (serving children, youth and families will have a booth with resources and activities for families.
- Food Trucks – Enjoy tasty supper on-site with the Garland food truck (beverage vendor to be confirmed shortly)
- Live Music – Listen to tunes by Phase II, courtesy of our partnership with the Caswell Arts Council. It's the perfect soundtrack for your market visit!

Market Partners

Thank you to the Caswell County Health Department and CrossRoads for supporting community wellness and making this market a great place to shop.

Join the Celebration

Bring your family and friends out to support local farms and organizations! Every dollar you spend here helps keep our community strong. Let's shop local, celebrate spring's bounty and make the May 1 market a success for Caswell's farmers and neighbors. See you at the Pavilion this Thursday!

For more details, [click here to visit the website](#)

LIVE MUSIC



Special Live
Performance :

Phase II

Enjoy the smooth
sounds of soul music,
jazz, & Top 40. Sit a
while, grab a bite and
enjoy!

THURSDAY
4 - 6:30PM



Community
Foundation
of the
Dan River Region



**CASWELL
ARTS**



CONCERTS & CRUZ IN

FIRST *Fridays*

JUNE 6

HEART & SOUL

JUNE 27 FIREWORKS

NEWLINA/NUSOUL

AUGUST 1

MATT BOSWELL

SEPTEMBER 5

DISITNGUISHED GENTLEMEN

OCTOBER 3

MCB BAND

DETAILS
YANCEYVILLENC.GOV

Come visit Yanceyville, NC on First Fridays May - October. Events feature a showcase of classic vehicles and a variety of music from regional bands. Enjoy our warm hospitality and small town community. Food for purchase.

Events begin at 7 pm.



158 E. CHURCH ST. YANCEYVILLE, NC 27379



SENIOR SHRED FEST *and* COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Vendor Festival | Program
Food Trucks | Fun

FRIDAY, MAY 16
10:30 - 6:30 PM

PROGRAM

11:00 & 2:00

Presentation on Senior Citizen Benefits

VENDORS

Caswell Health Dept
NC State Employees Credit Union
Caswell EMS
Compassion Health Care Mobile Unit - Get a BP Check
Digital Navigator Assistance
Caswell County Community Paramedic
and More!

FOOD TRUCKS!

**Bring your documents & electronics
for free and safe disposal**



Caswell
Senior Center



PAVILION AREA - 158 E. CHURCH ST YANCEYVILLE NC 27379

Save the Date!

CASWELL COUNTY
Farm Tour

NOV 8, 2025 • 9AM-4PM

Featured farms include:

BALDWIN BEEF
CENTURY FARM ORCHARDS
RAYNAY ALPACAS
SIMMONS FARM MUSEUM



Vendors, gifts for sale, animal and orchard
tours, history lessons, special activities

visitaswell.com/events/caswell-farm-tour

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**Membership
Drive
Now!**

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

All are welcome.

Annual Memberships - \$35

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