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FOCUS ON OUR EMPLOYEES:



Each month the newsletter will acquaint its readers with personnel from each department within the County of Wayne organization by featuring its employees. This month **Renee Phelps**, Income Maintenance Supervisor II with Social Services, is featured.

On August 21, 1985 Renee was hired as a Receptionist III for the front desk at Social Services. She was promoted to an Eligibility Specialist I in Adult Medicaid on July 28, 1986. She processed and maintained a caseload for nursing home clients. On July 1, 1989 Renee was promoted to Income Maintenance Caseworker II. When the Central Intake Unit was formed to take all applications, Renee was named lead worker as an Income Maintenance Caseworker III.

Renee assumed her current duties as Income Maintenance Supervisor II on April 10, 2001. She is directly responsible for the supervision of ten Income Maintenance Caseworker II positions based in house; one Income Maintenance Caseworker II, who is based at Wayne Memorial Hospital; one Income Maintenance Caseworker III and three Office Assistant III positions. Renee is totally accountable for all applications taken in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Benefit Diversion, Food Stamps, Medicaid and Adult- Medicaid. She is responsible for planning the short and long-range work operations, priorities and goals for the Central Intake Unit. By assessing time required for certain tasks and establishing guidelines and time frames for goal achievement, monthly and annual unit goals are established. Renee observes and oversees the daily work performance of the unit staff. She provides instructions, direction and guidance to the unit staff in areas of all program requirements and procedures, agency policies and procedures and assists with interpreting state and federal regulations to ensure regulations are applied appropriately. Her duties also include coordination of the flow of work to assure the overall operation of the Central Intake Unit runs smoothly. Renee claims she puts on her security guard hat at times when she is called upon to mediate disagreements between the staff and the customer. Renee answers requests from citizens for information. One challenging aspect of the position is addressing personnel issues when they arise. With changing policies, guidelines and eligibility criteria, Renee updates her staff as needed. Over the past several years the staff has seen a dramatic increase in Medicaid and Food Stamps applications while applications for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families have remained constant. Renee routinely reviews cases upon completion to ensure accuracy and to ensure compliance with all program requirements and agency standards.

Renee is a Wayne County native. She is the daughter of Ruby Daniels and the late Lee Daniels. She has two sisters. Kay Daniels retired from Social Services. Gwen Howell also lives in Goldsboro. After graduating from Goldsboro Christian School, she worked at Wayne Pharmacy and Piedmont Optical before working for the county.

Renee is married to Martin Phelps. Martin drives for Allen Davis Trucking Company out of Lumberton. They have two sons. Taylor is 15 years old and attends Eastern Wayne High School. Daniel is 4 years old and attends Kids R Wee daycare. The Phelps attend Free Gospel Church in Snow Hill. Renee enjoys being with her family and sharing in their activities.

Thank you, Renee, for your ability to adapt to constant change and your knowledge of the Social Services programs available to our citizens.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER:

1 - Brian Smith	10 - Daniel Cogdell	22 - Vernell Brown
1 - Edith Mobley	10 - Patricia Ruffin	23 - Jamie Smith Sturgill
1 - Karry Ann Maready	11 - Althea Grantham	23 - Sylvia Chapman
1 - Tommy Gwatney	11 - Amanda Howell	24 - Angela Barnes
2 - Jimmie Oscar Franks	11 - Robert Boyette	25 - Lynn Price
2 - Lana Mae Best	12 - Linwood Hall	25 - Mary Snyder
2 - Steven Stroud	13 - Yvonne Dickerson	25 - Sharita Quinn
4 - Doffes Eatmon	14 - Yolanda Tackett	25 - Wilbert Forest Martin
5 - Anthony Morris	15 - Bobbie Sue Best	26 - Michael Reid
6 - Janet Moore	15 - Leila Jahad	27 - Brant Brown
7 - Gwendolyn Swinson	16 - Hattie Batts	27 - Donna Santifort
7 - Shelia Millard	16 - Janina Abbott Dorriety	27 - Jeremiah Womble
7 - Susan Patton	16 - Owen Jackson	27 - Vanessa Cave
8 - Audrey Sasser	17 - Colleen Toro	27 - Vicki Falconer
8 - Donna Brantley Reed	20 - Joyce Lamm	28 - Christopher Peterson
8 - Kimberly Cowan	20 - Larry Mitchell	29 - Juanita Britt
9 - Barbara Wilson	20 - Mary Frances Sherman	29 - Rebecca Thippen
9 - Carlo Talarico	20 - Teresa Ann Smith	30 - Anjanette Blizzard
9 - Evelyn Hooks	20 - Zeb Mitchell	30 - Katherine Davis
10 - Albert Jones	21 - Rachele Williams	30 - Ralph Wiggins
10 - Allen Jones	21 - Willie Brinson	

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>
Randy A. Thompson	Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff
William L. Kates, Jr.	Sheriff	Bailiff
Christopher B. Lee	Sheriff	Special Deputy
Richard Lee Winders, Jr.	Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff
Patricia Ann Jones	Social Services	Income Maintenance Caseworker I
Maxine Lewis	Social Services	Social Worker I
Tania-Marie Blanton	Social Services	Income Maintenance Caseworker I
Taniesha Hardy	Social Services	Social Worker II
Teresa Figard	Social Services	Office Assistant III
Brandi Schoolcraft	Social Services	Social Worker II
Kimberly McGuire	Social Services	Social Worker I
Deborah K. Blackman	Emergency Services	Telecommunicator
Susan Taylor	Emergency Medical Services	EMT-Intermediate
Angela D. Lambert	Emergency Medical Services	EMT - Paramedic
Janice Vaughan-White	Emergency Medical Services	Office Assistant
Steve Harrison	Emergency Medical Services	EMT - Paramedic
Jeremiah Montgomery	Emergency Medical Services	EMT - Paramedic
Denise Medlin	Emergency Medical Services	EMT - Paramedic
James Daniel Hines II	Detention Center	Detention Officer I
John Wayne Lancaster	Detention Center	Detention Officer I
Carrie M. Hamilton	Services on Aging	Certified Nursing Assistant
Franklin Delano Lewis	Solid Waste	Site Attendant

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners presented a plaque to Davis Harvell for his dedicated service to the County of Wayne at their meeting on August 5, 2003. Mr. Harvell began working in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department on August 16, 1982 and retired on July 22, 2003.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN WINNER:

Congratulations to Carolyn Whitaker, Wayne County Social Services, for winning the travel bag donated by BB&T.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Barbara Byers, 4-H Program Associate with Cooperative Extension, received the James E. West endowment. James E. West was the first chief Scout executive of the Boy Scouts of American and served in the position for more than three decades. The James E. West Fellowship award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. The award was presented by Tuscarora Council Executive Bill Lappin. Barbara has been the Torhunta District Chairman since 2001. She is Cubmaster of Pack Five in Pikeville. She has been the Council Pow-Wow Chairman since 2000 and is a member of the Council Cub Training Committee. She was Council Vice-President from 1994 until 2000 and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding service to youth. She was awarded the Woodbadge Training Award in 1999. **CONGRATULATIONS BARBARA!**

The **Grantham Junior Rescue Team** holds a state record in the number of state and area rescue competition awards it has won over the years and now has added another first-place trophy to its collection. The team earned the first-place trophy at the North Carolina Association of Rescue and EMS Area IV competition on July 27, 2003 at the Micro-Pine Level Elementary School in Johnston County. Members of the current team are **Brenda** and **Linda Lancaster**, daughters of Terry and Dorothy Lancaster; **Jennifer Hix**, daughter of Walter and Pat Hix; **Alan Jenkins**, son of Don and Charlotte Jenkins and **Cortney Jones**, daughter of Eris Jones and Melissa Little. Pat Hix works with Wayne County Department of Social Services. Charlotte Jenkins works with Wayne Soil and Water Conservation. Eris Jones works with Wayne County Emergency Medical Services. Rescue member James Tadlock is the advisor for the team and works with the Wayne County Detention Center. He is assisted by Irene Thornton. Also, Wayne County Emergency Medical Services paramedics, Eris Jones and Jeremiah Womble, often help the team. **CONGRATULATIONS GRANTHAM JUNIOR RESCUE TEAM!**

Gary Sims, Wayne County Board of Elections Director, was recently featured as Personality of the Week in the *Goldsboro News-Argus*. **CONGRATULATIONS GARY!**

Debbie Braswell and **Doug Marshburn** were married on Saturday, August 23, 2003 at the Marriage Chapel in Dillon, South Carolina. Debbie is an Income Maintenance Caseworker II with the Department of Social Services. **CONGRATULATIONS DEBBIE AND DOUG!**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES HONORED:

The Commander of the 4th Fighter Wing, Brigadier General Rick J. Rosborg, and 4th Medical Group Commander, Colonel Donald J. Swierenga, presented a Certificate of Appreciation and medals to Wayne County Emergency Services Manager Blair Tyndall for the outstanding commitment to sustain the 4th Fighter Wing operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The County of Wayne and its employees were thanked for their many contributions and support to the personnel and mission of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Wayne County Emergency Medical Services Manager Blair Tyndall stated he accepted the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Wayne County Emergency Medical Services employees, who answered the calls. The presentation was made at the Base Community Council meeting on July 31, 2003.

THE COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Wayne County Manager's report began airing on PACC 10 on July 31, 2003. PACC 10 will air the Wayne County Board of Commissioners meetings, taped public service announcements and taped shows like the County Manager's report on the first and third Tuesday and Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. PACC 10 will run shows like the County Manager's report and public services announcements on the second, fourth and fifth Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. I believe this is a great opportunity to educate Wayne County citizens about our government. I am also looking for ideas for future shows. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me.

Lee Smith, Wayne County Manager (731-1435 or Lee.Smith@ncmail.net)



ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT HURRICANE?

How well you, your family and your home survive a hurricane depends upon how well you prepare before hand. Develop a family and neighborhood disaster plan today. Here is a list of supplies that might make all the difference during a hurricane: water - 1 gallon per person per day (a week's supply of water is preferable); pre-cooked, non-perishable foods, such as canned meats, granola bars, instant soup and cereals, etc.; special foods and supplies for infants and elderly; non-electric can opener; essential medications; flashlight and extra batteries; portable radio or portable TV and extra batteries; blanket or sleeping bag per person; anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel; extra pair of eyeglasses; seasonal change of clothing, including sturdy shoes; extra house and car keys; cash and change; copies of important papers (insurance policy, etc.); first aid kit and first aid booklet; fire extinguisher - ABC-type; food, water, leash and carrier for pets.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WITH SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY DATES:

Alfred Peterson, Jr. - Sheriff - 1 Year
Christina Watkins - Services on Aging - 1 Year
Danielle Deviney - Services on Aging - 1 Year
Joseph Sutton - Emergency Medical Services - 1 Year
Patricia Daniels - Emergency Medical Services - 1 Year
Reid D. Wester - 4-H - 1 Year
Susan Hollowell - Emergency Medical Services - 1 Year
Elizabeth Estevez - Health Department - 2 Years
Percilladine Williams - Social Services - 2 Years
Shawanna Brooks - 4-H - 2 Years
Aronual Best - Health Department - 3 Years
Maritza Ball - Health Department - 3 Years
Ryan Sasser - Sheriff - 3 Years
Edna Moore - Detention Center - 4 Years
Jannette Peeler - Social Services - 4 Years
Nanette Sentz-Foy - Health Department - 4 Years
Sharon Williams - 4-H - 5 Years
Brenda Bass - Health Department - 6 Years
Jocelyn Wallace - Board of Elections - 6 Years
Bj Selzer - Day Reporting Center - 7 Years
Gale Pate - Health Department - 7 Years
Miriam Hatch-Torres - Health Department - 7 Years
Daisy Armstrong - Services on Aging - 8 Years
Rhonda Floyd - Social Services - 8 Years
Carrie Woodard - Social Services - 9 Years
Elizabeth Williford - Health Department - 10 Years
Ruth Bailey - Health Department - 13 Years
Jacqueline Reid Hightower - Social Services - 14 Years
Allan Sauls - Sheriff - 16 Years
Myra Phillips Jones - Social Services - 20 Years
Clara Oneal Murray - Social Services - 22 Years
Willard Douglas Spell - Buildings & Grounds - 23 Years
Vera Raines - Social Services - 24 Years

Brandy Renee Hester - Sheriff - 1 Year
Curtis Alonzo Perry - 4-H - 1 Year
Gloria Ann King - Social Services - 1 Year
Lauren Barlett - 4-H - 1 Year
Randy Hollowell - Emergency Medical Services - 1 Year
Ronnie Warrick - Emergency Medical Services - 1 Year
Doris Artis - Health Department - 2 Years
Mahala Kriger - 4-H - 2 Years
Rose Marie Capps - Solid Waste - 2 Years
Amy Little - Social Services - 3 Years
Carolyn Whitaker - Social Services - 3 Years
Nannie Cotton - Health Department - 3 Years
Wanda R. Brady - Emergency Services - 3 Years
Henry Coker - Buildings & Grounds - 4 Years
Kristy Spencer - Health Department - 4 Years
William Davis - Buildings & Grounds - 4 Years
Annie King - Detention Center - 6 Years
Bruce Mallam - Detention Center - 6 Years
Linda Tipton - Human Resources - 6 Years
Deborah Garner - Health Department - 7 Years
Leila Jahad - Health Department - 7 Years
Anthony Morris - Sheriff - 8 Years
Joseph Dawson - Sheriff - 8 Years
Willis Patterson, Jr. - Detention Center - 8 Years
T. J. Smothers - Tax Listing - 9 Years
Connie Price - Planning - 13 Years
Howard Shaw, Jr. - Emergency Medical Services - 14 Years
Lloyd Cook - Solid Waste - 15 Years
Richard Proctor, III - Emergency Services - 17 Years
Rebecca Rouse - Social Services - 21 Years
Matilda Ann Ward - Health Department - 23 Years
Susan Carraway - Social Services - 24 Years
Peggy Huffman - Social Services - 25 Years

SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES:

Smoking cessation classes begin Tuesday, September 16, 2003 with an orientation class being held at 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room of the County Office Building. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the orientation class to learn more about the Freedom From Smoking Program.

The cost of the program is \$25.00 and is open to the public. Those interested in the program will be able to sign up at the end of the orientation class. For more information, please feel free to contact the Health Education/Health Promotion Division of the Health Department at 731-1290.



THANK YOU NOTE:

MaryLee Booth, Wayne County Board of Elections, has once again donated her time and efforts to the state VA nursing home. She made five more lap blankets for the veterans who live in the home. **Thank you MaryLee!**

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY:



LABOR DAY, MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 2003
COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED