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Riggs faces felony Register of Deeds accused of embezzling

BY GERRI HUNT
EDITOR

Caswell County Register of Deeds Tammy Willis Riggs was arrested yesterday and charged with felony embezzlement by a public official, according to State Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Scott Williams.

The Caswell County Sheriff's Office announced the charge at 2:30 p.m.

"The charge came after information was received [about] misappropriation of funds at the Caswell County Register of Deeds Office," stated the press release. "Based on this information, the State Bureau of Investigation was contacted to conduct an

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Arts council discontinues stage shows

BY PATRICK WOMACK
CASWELL MESSENGER

After 33 years of bringing nationally and internationally recognized theater, music and dance productions to Yanceyville, the Caswell Performing Arts Series has been discontinued.

The 2013-2014 season, which wrapped up in March after five performances, will be the final one, said Caswell Council for the Arts Executive Director H. Lee Fowlkes.

Fowlkes made the announcement Sunday during the group's annual membership meeting, held at the Caswell County Civic Center.

Declining tickets sales in recent years, along with increasing costs and decreases in public and private support, led to the difficult decision to end the long-running series.

"The performing arts series is a luxury we can no longer afford," said Fowlkes, who offered heartfelt thanks to all who have supported the series over the years, including

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The Michalec Murder

Went fishing 5 years ago today; found in Hyco next day

BY GERRI HUNT
EDITOR

Bob Michalec really wanted to live on the water. After his mom retired to Hyco Lake, just off Zion Level Church Road in Person County 15 years ago, she helped Bob find his own piece of land, on the southernmost cove of Hyco in 2000.

The property, on Lakeshore Road in Leasburg, housed a utility trailer inside an 8-foot-tall fence. It was quite a distance from the lake, but through the trees, Bob could see a glimmer of the water. He tore down that fence, and in 2005 replaced the old trailer with

a brand new doublewide.

Bob called it his "mountain resort with a lake."

Although he lived on the water, he didn't spend a lot of time on it. He was always working.

"He loved to grill out," his brother Pat said. "But he would mess around with things... maybe change the oil in the lawnmower there, or fix the rosebushes [at Mom's house]."

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The Michalec kids—pronounced "Michael-eck"—grew up in Durham. Bob was the oldest, but Donna was a mere 15 months younger. Pat was a year behind

her, and Cathy came along five years later.

"Bobby was bossy," Donna laughed. "But me, Bobby and Pat were always together. Bobby was the boss of us. He took care of us, made sure we did the right thing."

They had a regular childhood by all standards.

"Bobby and I built tree houses and forts together," Pat said. "We never played inside, and there were only three TV stations back then."

All the neighborhood kids would play together.

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BOB MICHALEC



Photos by Brittany Jeffries/Caswell Messenger
Gathering for Gunn Memorial Library's first program in its summer reading series are, from left (front) Isabella Peters, John Potter, Katie Potter, Carl Potter, Madelyn Watson, (back) Rebecca Dellinger, Melody Peters, and Lou Peters.

Gunn Memorial Library kicks off summer reading series

BY BRITTANY JEFFRIES
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Once upon a time, along the edge of a great forest, there lived a very poor woodcutter with his wife and his two children, Hansel and Gretel.

The audience interacted with the characters of "Hansel and Gretel," presented by Rags to Riches, a traveling live theatre for young audiences, last Thursday at the Caswell County Civic Center.

The Rags to Riches theatre is designed to support the common core curriculum in the English language arts standards that involve speaking, listening, language, and writing skills.

Gretel runs through the forest to find and pick berries off the kids' hands in the audience.

Gretel, played by Melody Peters, said, "Reading is fluency and the art of theatre is the communication of thought and reenactment that shows through comprehension."

The Gunn Memorial Library kicked off its children's summer reading program with "Hansel and Gretel" and more shows will continue every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Caswell County Civic Center.

The final show will be on Thursday, July 31.

Please be sure to register your children for this collaborative summer reading program so they may receive the quality that encourages them to read all year round.

To register, call 694-6241 or stop by Gunn Memorial Library, located at 161 Main St., Yanceyville.

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Food Lion

100,000 people. 90 days. 50,000 pounds.

Challenge Nutrition Tip Week 12:

We're all about the sizzle this first full week of summer! Fire up those grills and get creative with **Cooking Light's Essential Grilling** recipes. This guide features grilled healthy meats and veggies and fruit for a nutritious and unique dessert! Grilled peaches and double churned vanilla ice cream? YES, PLEASE! #teamgetfit



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