



CCCRA Newsletter February 2017

Dear CCCRA Members and Friends,

Welcome to 2017! The year has just started and a lot has been happening already! We hope you've heard the ownership of the Historic Courthouse and square has been transferred to the Town of Hayesville. CCCRA has signed a 20-year lease, with the Town of Hayesville passing a resolution to extend the lease 10 more years at the culmination of the 20-year lease. In addition, a Clay County native has made a financial commitment to help us with the task of preserving this historic structure.

Courthouse Update: With the good news about the financial commitment from Ron Beal, turning the Historic Courthouse into the center piece for Clay County is going to be a reality sooner than expected! Work on the courthouse exterior, originally planned for the winter, was rescheduled for the spring to save money on the rental of equipment that could reach the top of the building. The roof and steeple shingles will be replaced and exterior wood trim will be repaired and painted by mid-April. The Historic Courthouse Committee members Doug Canup, Bob Hanson, Paul Price and Rob Tiger are turning their attention to the interior of the building now. Architect Joe Slaton is volunteering his services for the project. We continue to seek financial support from local donors, corporations and foundations for those items that will be needed to prepare the building for a variety of activities in the future. We appreciate your past support and look forward to your continued partnership as we breathe new life into this historic structure.

Have You Looked at Our Website Lately? We have a new look and format which is more compatible with hand-held devices, thanks to board member Vickie Ware. Vickie was provided support from designer Ashley Jobe, whose services were funded by the Conservation Fund. The website has a clean, fresh new look and will evolve as we discover more uses for our website. [Please click on cccra-nc.org](http://cccra-nc.org) and let us know what you think. You will be pleased!

Did You Know the Solar Eclipse Will Be Passing Through Clay County on Monday, August 21? Bob Hanson and Barbara Deas are heading up our Events Committee this year, so planning for solar eclipse activities is high on their list. CCCRA will be selling solar eclipse souvenir items starting in mid-April, which will commemorate the event and help publicize Clay County. We'll let you know what will be available and where you can purchase them as soon as they are delivered. If you are interested in volunteering to help the weekend of August 18-21st, please call 389-3045. We welcome the extra hands!

Friday Night Concert Series Increases Offerings This Year: Committee Chairs Bob and Susanne Hanson have added several new bands to the roster this year, increasing the number to 12! The season will start on May 26 with **Holman Autry Band** from Athens, Georgia and end with Gnarly Fingers, September 8. You'll want to go to the CCCRA website: cccra-nc.org to get the dates for all the concerts so you can put them on your calendar. There will be quite a range of styles this summer and you won't want to miss any of them. Food, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available starting at 6 pm with the music planned from 7 pm – 9 pm. There is no admission fee, but your donations to the "Red Bucket" are used to pay the bands and keep the concerts sustainable from year to year.

Jackrabbit Connector Trail is Open! The trail connecting Jackrabbit Campground to the trail head is open for bike and foot traffic. The only things missing are the signs, which are expected to be installed this month. This project was spearheaded by CCCRA Board members Joanna Atkisson and Ron Guggisberg.

Have You Joined CCCRA for 2017? You won't want to miss out on all the exciting events planned for the year or finding out about the progress that is being made on the Historic Courthouse. Your membership means you can be involved at this very exciting time of our organization.....so join today!

\$20.00 Single-One year \$250.00 Single-Lifetime

\$30.00 Household-One year \$400.00 Household-Lifetime

\$50.00 Business

Make your check payable to CCCRA. Mail to: CCCRA PO Box 1533 Hayesville, NC 28904 **OR**
Use our website to pay by credit card at: cccra-nc.org

Dates for Your Calendar:

The second "Take the Quanassee Path to Good Health" event for Hayesville students and the community is scheduled for Friday, April 7. We hope you will plan to come out and join us that day.

CCCRA will have a booth at the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 22, with proceeds going to the Historic Courthouse project.

It's not too early to put the Cherokee Heritage Festival, Saturday, September 16 on your calendar.

We'd like to thank our business members for their support:

Clay Farmers Store

Highway 69 Storage

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