

THE COUNTY CONNECTION

JULY 2009

Besides celebrating Independence Day, July is chock full of little known holidays and observances. Look at the list below and decide which of these holidays you might want to celebrate!

- July 1 is Creative Ice Cream Flavor Day and Build A Scarecrow Day
- July 2 is Visitation Of The Virgin Mary Day
- July 3 is Stay Out Of The Sun Day and Compliment Your Mirror Day
- July 4 is National Country Music Day and
- July 4 isTom Sawyer Fence-Painting Day
- July 5 is Workaholics Day
- July 6 is National Fried Chicken Day
- July 7 is National Strawberry Sundae Day
- July 8 is Video Games Day
- July 9 is National Sugar Cookie Day
- July 10 is Clerihew Day (A clerihew is a whimsical, four-line biographical poem)
- July 11 is National Cheer Up The Lonely Day
- July 12 is National Pecan Pie Day
- July 13 is Fool's Paradise Day
- July 14 is National Nude Day
- July 15 is National Tapioca Pudding Day and Respect Canada Day
- July 16 is International Juggling Day
- July 17 is National Peach Ice Cream Day
- July 18 is National Ice Cream Day and National Caviar Day
- July 19 is Flitch Day (This old English honeymoon custom dates all the way back to the 11th century when once a year a slab or "flitch" of bacon was given to married couples who could testify to one year of marital bliss, This is where the phrase "bringing home the bacon" originated)
- July 20 is Ugly Truck Contest Day
- July 21 is National Tug-Of-War Tournament Day
- July 22 is Ratcatcher's Day
- July 23 is National Vanilla Ice Cream Day
- July 24 is Amelia Earhart Day
- July 25 is Threading The Needle Day
- July 26 is All Or Nothing Day
- July 27 is Take Your Pants For A Walk Day
- July 28 is National Milk Chocolate Day

- July 29 is Cheese Sacrifice Purchase Day
- July 30 is National Cheesecake Day
- July 31 is Parent's Day

Birthdays

1 James Hill
1 Sally Sayer
1 Thomas Vick Jr
1 William Randy Howell
2 Julie Shearon Sutton
2 Mindy Kay Coles
2 Tracey Michelle Ohnmeiss
3 Sue Guy
3 Wayne Potts Jr.
4 Jasper Evans
4 Octavia Muhammad
4 Pandora Cooper
4 Tuanor Blount
6 Amanda Marie Piler
6 Eleanor Frances Wiggs
6 Gloria Thornton
6 Rose Wagner
7 Bernice Francis Chavis
7 Carmen Milagros Green
7 Durwood Ray Grimes
7 Gene Riddle
7 Phyllis Mozingo
7 Russell Rice
7 Stacy Bynum
7 Teresa Renee Figard
8 Candace Dawn Herring
8 Richard Kulak
8 Sharon Coley
8 William Highlander
9 Bradley Chestnut
9 James Daniel Hines II
9 James George Roosen
9 Rhona Gillcrese
10 Kay Meadows
10 Patty Gray
10 Timothy Price
11 Freda Rouse Friede
11 Gale Smith Kriger
11 Judy Carol Pearsall
11 Karen Denise Padgett
11 Nicholas Beamon
11 Paula Jo Edwards
11 Yesenia Estevez Vazquez
12 Agnes Dececchis
13 Gary Whaley
13 Leann Daniels
13 Taniesha Hardy-thompson
14 Ryan Sasser
14 Warren Baker
15 Christopher Peedin
15 Daryl Ham
16 Brenda Bass
16 Latosha Cauthen
16 Luwanna Reams
17 Doris Starlene Baker
17 Teresa Harrell
17 Vicki Sutton
18 Billie Jo Coltren
18 Danny Price
19 Angela Boone Lewis
19 B. Dwayne Edwards
19 Doris Artis
19 Shirley Brimage
20 Monica Sexton
20 Vicky Granillo
21 Aldorothy Hooker
22 Deborah Bryant
22 Letitia Nicole Spruill
23 Deborah Garner
23 Liston Allen Moore
23 Randy Quinton King
23 Robert Schroeder
24 Kim Wells
24 Thomas Underwood III
24 Wendy Etheridge Bailey
25 Angela Delores Floyd
25 Susan Pearsall
26 Charles Faison
26 Jason Patel
27 Gloria Diane Jones
27 Judith Cobb Eynon
28 Cassoundra Ward
28 Melvin Harris Brantley
29 Kristen Sasser Roth
30 Beverly Ann Deans
30 Nancy Wise Howell
30 Veta Ham
31 Cynthia Sawyer

Anniversaries

1 Amy Nichole Capps Emergency Medical Services
1 Debra Harrison Jones DSS - Administration
1 Joshua C McNary Emergency Medical Services
1 Joy Victoria Whittaker DSS - Services
1 Megan Summerlin Ham Emergency Medical Services
1 Sharese M Garvin DSS - Services
1 Terry Lemott Evans Jail
2 Aaron Luke Ottinger Solid Waste
2 Davis Franklin Goodson Jr Emergency Medical Services
2 Michael H Dawson Sheriff
2 Stuart Lee Sullivan Inspections
2 Tracy E Donithan Emergency Medical Services
2 William Joseph Arnette Jr Emergency Medical Services
3 Latonya Ann Woodard DSS - Services
3 Shamra D Lancaster Tax Administration
3 Timothy J Ritchie Health - WIC
4 Anthony Ray Mullis Sheriff
4 Bettie R Barnes Emergency Services
4 John E Harrell Inspections
4 Leann B Daniels Health - Environmental Health
4 Michael E Haney Wayne County Development
5 Jeffry S Sparrow Solid Waste
5 Lashawnda Newkirk 4-H
5 Wilma L Godwin Jail
6 Betty J Harper Sheriff
6 Brenda Lee Harper Sheriff
6 Darlene Norris-Joyner Health - Administration
6 Debora K Ballance Health - Administration
6 Sue Guy Human Resources
6 Jayson L Hill Sheriff
6 Randy Avon Thompson Sheriff
6 Sue A Farmer Facilities
7 Debra Mcgee Williamson DSS - Services
7 Nancy Sue Gendreau Senior Citizens
8 Beverly D Williams Senior Citizens
8 Gene T Watson Sheriff
8 James D Barefoot Sheriff
8 Larry N Mitchell Sheriff
8 Monatina Wells 4-H
8 Tonya Gail Buck DSS - Income Maintenance

9 Rebecca J Thigpen DSS - Income Maintenance
9 Sharon Y Bryant DSS - Income Maintenance
10 Delmus J Cox Solid Waste
10 Patricia D Hare Emergency Services
11 Katherine L Davis DSS - Income Maintenance
11 Lillie B Yates Senior Citizens
11 Stephanie M Howard Health - WIC
11 Sylvia D Chapman Health - Administration
13 Harold Ray Jones Jail
13 Michael J Williams Sheriff
13 Roy T Flores Jr. Sheriff
14 Annette Vonwald Health - Communicable Disease
14 Calvin K Harvey Emergency Services
14 Vernell Brown Senior Citizens
15 Dorothy W Cooke Health - Maternity Care
15 Teresa H Harrell Emergency Services
16 Deloris M Cosby DSS - Income Maintenance
17 Vicky Carol Cauthen DSS - Income Maintenance
18 Donna R Santifort Emergency Medical Services
18 Randall W Rogers Solid Waste
18 Richard S Swinson III Emergency Medical Services
18 Sandra A Kemp DSS - Regular Services
19 Lewis D Edwards Solid Waste
19 Margaret S Potter Facilities
19 Matthew J Holt Facilities
20 Denise Webb DSS - Administration
20 Lynette Wohlgemuth Solid Waste
21 George L Raecher Separation Allowance
23 Janice S Hamm DSS - Child Support
23 John Allen Denny Sheriff
25 Cathleen M Johnson Health - Maternity Care
27 Patricia A Curtis DSS - Child Support
29 Susan B Patton DSS - Child Support
34 Brenda D Melvin DSS - Administration



Chris Stone

Spotlight on Chris Stone

God's provision is what led Chris Stone to the life of victory he is living today. Chris, known as the "guru of the Information Technology Department" for Wayne County, came to work for the county through a circuitous route.

Thirteen years ago he was running a successful upholstery business in Wilson County, something he had been doing since leaving the Marine Corps.

"I was injured in basic training and was discharged," Chris said. He thought the discharge was just temporary, but the injury did not allow him to qualify for service in any branch of the armed forces.

After scoring extremely high on military entrance exams, he expected to have a career in avionics. His injury changed the course of his life. Upon finding out he would not serve in the military, Chris returned to a trade he learned in high school – upholstery work.

"I upholstered car interiors and also auto trim work, including convertible tops and car seats," he said. "I also restored furniture and did antique car restoration."

In 1987 he married his wife Kim and together they began a second business – photography.

He closed the photography business after a few years and concentrated solely on his upholstery business. Growing tired of tackling the mountains of business paperwork by hand, Chris decided to buy a computer in the early 1990's.

"My first computer was a 386 and I loved it," he said. He and his wife began taking computer classes at a local community college – just for fun.

And, as part of the fun of the courses, they set up a little friendly competition between them to see who could make the better grades. Though they both came out of the courses with an overall 4.0 average, Chris was declared the winner with the highest numeric score.

"God had just gifted me for talent in that area," Chris said. Though he loved his upholstery business, the strain of hiring and training employees – working long hours and working weekends – was a bit tiring.

"To just take a one week vacation meant that I would have 25 percent gross less income for that month," he said.

Kim began a job at a local bank and would come home discussing some of the computer projects at her work.

"She would tell me about those projects and I would get interested and excited," he said. "I wished I could work on something like that."

For the first time the thought of doing something other than his upholstery business began to cross his mind occasionally.

"I sent my resume in to a few places, and had a couple of interviews but nothing really excited me enough that I would want to give up my business," he said.

Then he received a call from Wayne County's data processing department.

"I didn't even remember sending a resume to Wayne County," Chris said. "But I went for the interview." After interviewing for the job with Pam Adams and Keith Goff, Chris knew he had found the right job.

"I went out to my car and called my wife on one of those bag phones we used in the nineties," he said. "I told Kim that if they offered me the job, I would take it. I just knew that's where God wanted me to be."

Chris took the job and happily began his employment with Wayne County. Three years later he was diagnosed with kidney cancer and had to undergo intensive and invasive surgery.

"But God provides for us in ways we don't understand or see at the time," Chris said. "The surgery I had was so invasive that had I still been doing upholstery work – I would have been physically unable to do that work for 8 to 10 months. If I had not followed God's lead – I would have stayed with my business and when I got sick I would have lost the business."

Chris has been cancer free for nine years and feels his life has been blessed.

"I had the desire to do something I truly love and God provided," he said. "In the valleys you don't always see what is ahead, but He's always got a plan."

THEY MAY BE SECONDS, BUT THEY'RE NOT IRREGULARS



If they could talk, they'd tell you some incredible stories. About their first home that just wasn't right for them. Or, how they became lost and were never found by their caretakers. They'd tell you they need more love and affection than ever, their second time around. We hear thousands of these stories every year. That's why adopting an animal from our shelter is a far more rewarding experience than buying one. To learn more about how you can give one of our animals a home for life, stop by our shelter, talk with our staff and let the animals share their stories with you.

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UNITED WAY WINNERS!

Crystal Borjas – Day off
Vicki Falconer – CD Holder
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Lynnette Wohlegemuth – Insulated Snack Pack
Donated by Office Depot
Roy Gleason – Umbrella
Donated by BB&T