



# Employee Newsletter

## JULY 2019



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Herbert Williams	1
Dustin Lee	2
Sandra Page	3
Julie Peterson	4
Tim Howe	6
Jacah Johnson	9
Keith Watkins	9
Jane Stiles	11
Joy Kephart	12
Bob Raver	13
Shawn Logsdon	14
Katrina Plemmons	14
Jon Crist	15
Jason Rowland	15
Heather Weaver	15
Linda Conley	16
Jake Bryson	17
Jimmy Amos	20
Shannon Jones	21
Becky Stiles	21
Shawn Payne	22
Sky Beaver	23
Lee Mashburn	23
Ashley Raper	23
Bob Stone	23
Amanda McGee	24
Alicea Mealer	24
Adam May	25
Lindsey Roberts	25
Dot Beasley	27
Lynn Hamby	27
Ryan Wilson	28
Valerie Auberry	29
Dedra Cook	29
Shawn Logsdon	29
Stacy Lindsay	30
Nicole Foster	31
Ruth Whitener	31

Ages 23 to 77

### Commissioners Board Meetings

July 1, 6:30 pm  
July 15, 6:30 pm

### PAY INCREASES/DISABILITY PREMIUMS

Last night at the commissioner's board meeting (June 24th), the budget for the coming fiscal year was approved which includes a 3% pay increase for employees the upcoming year. When your pay increases or your age increases to a birthday that ends in a "0" or "5" (for a couple of you, this was both in July), your short-term and long-term disability rates also increase. Because the budget wasn't approved until last night, I was unable to change premiums for the first pay day in June, so the rates for the June 28th pay day account for that difference. The premiums for the July 12 pay day will be back to normal.

Also, the pay for July 12th will be split between old rate and new rate, so for regular folks, there will be 40 hours at one pay and 40 at another. For sheriff, detention, dispatch, EMS, landfill and anybody else not on a 40 hour per week schedule, your pay will be paid according to what you worked.

The deductible year for our health and dental insurance ends on June 30. The new deductible year begins July 1st. Also, the Vision plan year starts over again on July 1st. Please remember this.

Father William, the old priest, made it a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name. They came up with about 40 names. Father William jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states. One lad raised his hand and said, 'Yes sir, but in those days there were only 13 states.

### ANDREWS RECREATION PARK EVENTS

#### SCHEDULED EVENTS INCLUDE:

**11:00** – Bike Parade  
**11:45** – OPENING CEREMONIES – Andrews VFW Post 7620, Marine Corps League, Murphy American Legion.  
 National Anthem by Taylor Coffey  
**12:30** – Peanut Drop  
**3:00** – Corn Hole Tournament  
**4:00** – Horseshoe Tournament  
**6:00** – 3 Point Shootout  
**6:00** – Wagon Train (Main Street)  
**6:30** – The Tunnel Rats [BAND]  
**DARK** – FIREWORKS!!

#### POOL EVENTS:

**All Day:** Chalk Art Contest – Ages 5-16  
**1:00** – Biggest Splash contest  
**2:00** – Smallest Splash contest  
**3:00** – Water Bottle Crunch Contest  
**4:00** – Ducky Push  
**5:00** – Coin Dive Little Kids, Teens, Adults

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**FOURTH OF JULY**

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**10:00AM ARTS, CRAFTS, FOOD VENDORS ALL DAY!**  
 HORSE SHOE GAMES-PAVILION 3  
 ROD AND GUN CLUB & CC REC.DEPT.  
 FISHING DERBY FOR KIDS 12 & UNDER

**12:00PM PEANUT DROP-FIELD 1**  
 HOME RUN DERBY-FIELD 6

**1:30PM FIELD GAMES FOR KIDS**  
 CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT (\$5 ENTRY PP)

**2:00PM PATRIOTIC PARADE-L&N DEPOT TO PARK**

**3:00PM EMERGENCY VEHICLES ON DISPLAY**

**6:00PM REMAX HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES\***

**7:30PM THE PRESLEY GIRLS-PAVILION 3**

**DARK TOWN OF MURPHY FIREWORKS SHOW\***

\*WEATHER PERMITTING

KONEHETE PARK

QUESTIONS & INFO 828-837-2242

PRESENTED BY THE TOWN OF MURPHY,  
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE & CHEROKEE COUNTY REC. DEPT.

Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter. Please email Melody at [melody.johnson@cherokee-county-nc.gov](mailto:melody.johnson@cherokee-county-nc.gov) with any suggestions.

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITO-BORNE ILLNESSES



**The most effective way to avoid getting sick from viruses spread by mosquitoes when at home and during travel is to prevent mosquito bites.**

Mosquito bites can be more than just annoying and itchy. They can spread viruses that make you sick or, in rare cases, cause death. Although most kinds of mosquitoes are just nuisance mosquitoes, some kinds of mosquitoes in the United States and around the world spread viruses that can cause disease.

Mosquitoes bite during the day and night, live indoors and outdoors, and search for warm places as temperatures begin to drop. Some will hibernate in enclosed spaces, like garages, sheds, and under (or inside) homes to survive cold temperatures. Except for the southernmost states in North America, mosquito season starts in the summer and continues into fall.

### Prevention

**Use insect repellent:** When used as directed, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breast-feeding women. Use an [EPA-registered insect repellent](#)External with one of the following active ingredients:

- **DEET**
- **Picaridin**
- **IR3535**
- **Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)**
- **Para-menthane-diol (PMD)**
- **2-undecanone**
  
- **Cover up:** Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- **Keep mosquitoes outside:** Use air conditioning, or window and door screens. If you are not able to protect yourself from mosquitoes inside your home or hotel, sleep under a mosquito bed net.

**For more information, see the [Mosquito Bite Prevention fact sheet. Cdc-pdf\[967 KB\]](#)**

Nicholas took his four-year-old son, Bryan, to several baseball games where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung before the start of each game. Later, Nicholas and Bryan attended St Bartholomew's church on the Sunday before Independence Day. The congregation sang The Star-Spangled Banner, and after everyone sat down, Bryan suddenly yelled out at the top of his voice, 'Play ball.'