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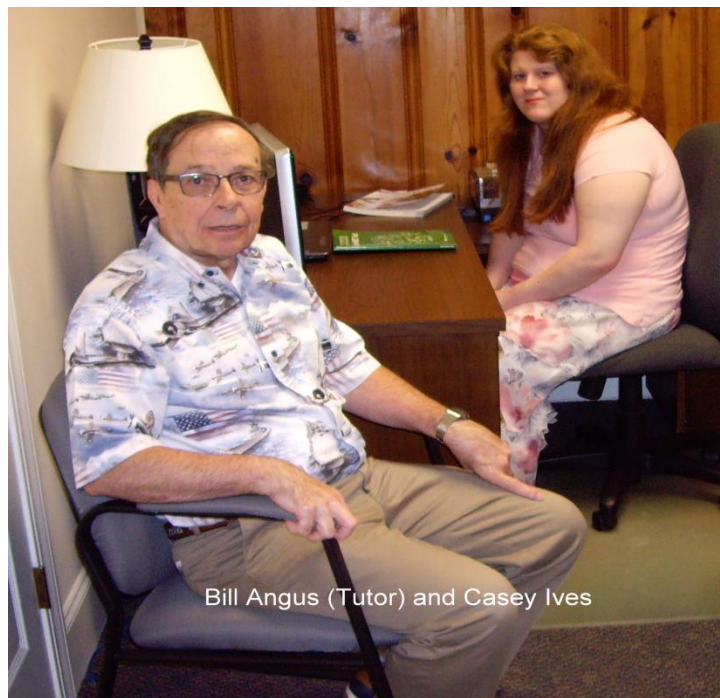
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Casey entered the Literacy Program in September, 2017. She originally wanted to pass the CRC exam. While working together, it was learned that her real goal was to get a full time job. Casey worked hard and was hired by Domtar and is in the training program there.

Congratulations!!



Bill Angus (Tutor) and Casey Ives

The following is reprinted from the September 21, 2019 issue of the Washington Daily News:

To the Editor:

When our adult daughter was going to Beaufort County Community College to practice for the CRC (Career Readiness Certificate) testing, I was advised by Penelope Radcliffe of a place in Washington called Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County. They help with one-on-one tutoring. We were not expecting the wonderful people they had that donate their time to help people like our daughter succeed.

We initially went for tutoring to improve CRC scores but what we got was so much more.

Mrs. Jane Weaver and Mr. Bill Angus helped our daughter with math, mock job interviews, as well as helping and encouraging her on the computer part of the driving test.

I did not know there was such a place in Washington. We would like to thank Mrs. Jane Weaver and Mr. Bill Angus for all their hard work and Penelope Radcliffe of BCCC, for letting us know about Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County.

Shelby and Troy Ives
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Out and About

Literacy Volunteers distributed information and FREE books at these events: Washington Christmas Parade, East Carolina Wildlife Art Festival, Career Fair, City of Washington Slam Dunk, National Night Out, Southside Togetherness at Blounts Creek, and Cornerstone Church’s Community Day in the Park. Our goal is to reach out to as many adults as possible.

New tutors

A new group of tutors finished the 15 hour combination online/ in person training workshop and are ready to help clients. Tutors are left to right: Lo Ann Ditzler, Anna Mish, Bob White, Sharon Brinn, and Barbara Stone . They have already begun to make a difference in providing **free** tutoring services to adults in Beaufort County.



Literacy Volunteers Holds Tutor Appreciation Event

Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County held an appreciation tea for its tutors and volunteers on Thursday, April 11, 2019. The drop by event from 4-6:00 pm was held at the office at 113 East 15th Street. April 7-13 is National Volunteer Week and the agency took the opportunity to honor those who were “planting the seed to read” and members of the Board brought refreshments. Tutors in 2018 gave the gift of reading for a total of **1713** reported hours. Tutors/Volunteers with 75-100 hours of tutoring were **Doris Emer, Dianne Lee, Ellen Angus, and Ginger Morrison**. Tutors/ Volunteers with 50-75 hours were **Donna Parker, Robin Smart, Kevin Matsil, and Bill Angus**. Tutors/Volunteers with 25-50 hours were **Lou Valenti, Margaret Hudson, and Lou Carter**. Each was honored with a gift card from area businesses and small pot and package of seeds to continue “planting the seed to read”.

Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser

President/Chef Kevin Matsil prepared two wonderful soups (Chicken and Corn Chowder). Sous-Chefs (Board members) prepared grilled cheese sandwiches. The event was quite a success- selling out before closing. The event was held at First Presbyterian Church across from the Civic Center where the 2019 East Carolina Wildlife Art Festival was held. Thanks to all who supported us in this initial effort!



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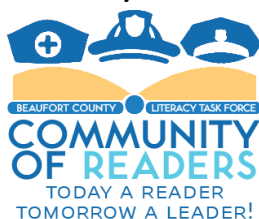
Literacy Volunteers partnered with Eagles Wings to offer financial literacy sessions with Eagles Wings’ clients in the spring of 2019. Eagles Wings provided the information to clients and those interested were guided by Mrs. Jane Weaver using a program called “Easy Money”. The focus of the material is to provide an understanding of “needs” versus “wants”. Additional sessions will be offered this fall.



Pizza Inn Fundraiser

Literacy Volunteers held a fundraiser at the Pizza Inn in Washington on May 3rd and raised some “dough” to support the program. Many thanks to Pizza Inn and all who came and enjoyed time with us and our volunteer waiters and waitresses!

Community of Readers



Join us in our effort to promote literacy! Beaufort County's Literacy Task Force, of which Literacy Volunteers is a member, is made up of community partners working together to create a Community of Readers. The other partners on the task are: BHM Library, Brown Library, Beaufort County Community College, Beaufort County Schools, Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County, Beaufort County Health Department, Beaufort County Department of Social Services, Beaufort-Hyde Partnership for Children and community volunteers. The Task Force is a subcommittee of Beaufort County 360 which identified areas of need in a meeting of county stakeholders. The Literacy Task Force supports reading from birth into adulthood. Some of the accomplishments of the Task Force have been placing volunteer readers at summer feeding sites and events, sorting about 10,000 gift books and placing many in waiting areas (Books in Motion program), cross promoting partners services and events.

We are now working to secure funds to create a communications campaign and place 15-20 Little Libraries in Beaufort County. We'll be asking businesses to join us as a partner by placing a sticker in storefront windows.

Friends,

Literacy Volunteers is just one of many organizations along with a dynamic group of citizens dedicated to helping make Beaufort County a better place.

LVBC is in the business to give adults a hand not a hand out to drastically improve their lives. **Literacy** is critical to economic development as well as individual and community well-being. Our economy is enhanced when learners have higher literacy levels. Our volunteers give their time and expertise to educate not just in reading and writing but whatever a client needs to fulfill a goal.

LVBC is a powerhouse, thanks to our volunteer tutors but it is necessary to provide the needed materials, testing and an office that address the needs of the community. We are funded by the United Way, grants and donations from our local friends and residents.

I am asking for you help to keep us a vital service to our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Kevin Matsil, President, Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County

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