

AGENDA APPOINTMENT FORM

October 3, 2011

Name: Community Hero Recognition

Name of Organization: Wisdom for Life Ministry

Purpose of appearance:

Request of Board: No action.

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Community Hero Program Recipient: Jason Brown and The Wisdom for Life Ministry
County Commissioner: Eddie L. Wright, Chairman (District 5)

This month's Community Hero Award goes to **Jason Brown and The Wisdom for Life Ministry**. The Wisdom for Life Ministry, established and supported by Jason Brown who is a Vance County native and now stars as an offensive center in the National Football League with the St. Louis Rams, has been a huge help in supporting efforts for the last three years with the Henderson-Vance Spring Litter Sweep Clean-Up Day held in April of each year.

The Wisdom for Life Ministry is spearheaded by Jason and members of his family in an effort to bring the Word of God to the community, while at the same time spreading goodwill and supporting efforts to improve Henderson and Vance County.

For the last three years on the Spring Litter Sweep Clean-Up Day, Jason and members of the Wisdom for Life Ministry have provided a free lunch for the hundreds of community volunteers who assisted in picking up trash along county roadways, city streets, around businesses, in neighborhoods and subdivisions, and near schools and churches. Jason has attended each event to praise the volunteers for their efforts, share words of encouragement to everyone to remain involved in improving life in our community, signed autographs, and had his picture made with citizens who are both young and old. In the second year of the Wisdom for Life Ministry involvement in Clean-Up Day, the organization also sponsored a family day event in the afternoon at Northern Vance High School. The event included gospel teachings, inspirational and motivational speakers, religious and uplifting music and activities for children. Everything was free and open to the public.

For the past three years, Jason also has provided cash prizes of \$150 to the volunteer group filling the most bags of trash in clean-up efforts; \$100 for the group having the largest number of volunteers; and \$50 to the group which found the most unique item during the cleanup. The cash prizes offered an incentive for groups to participate in Clean-Up Day and were a big help in getting people motivated to assist us.

The Wisdom for Life Ministry is a great example of how concerned individuals can truly make a positive difference in the lives of others. We are very thankful for the support of the Wisdom for Life Ministry and the devotion of Jason Brown to support his community. This type of determination and desire to serve his fellow citizens truly make him a community hero. It is our honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Jason Brown and The Wisdom for Life Ministry as our community hero for the month of October, 2011.