

TEAM BLADEN

August 2016
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

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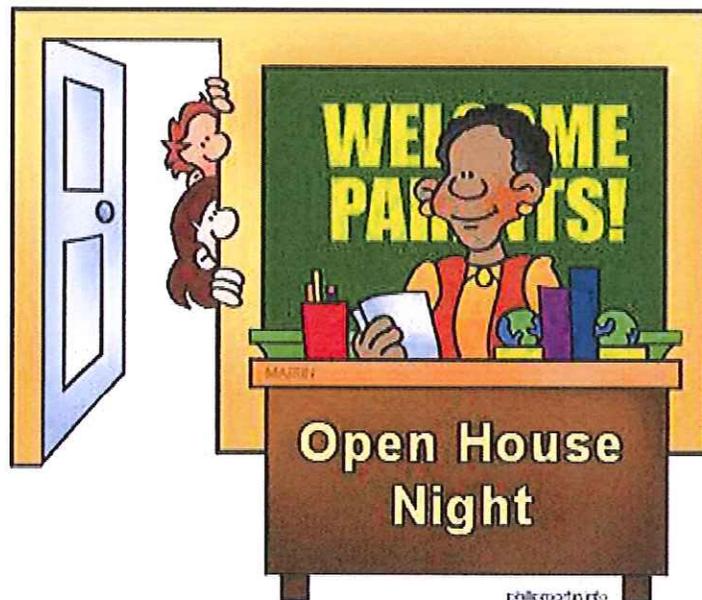
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BLADEN COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT WIDE OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 25, 2016



BACK TO SCHOOL



AUGUST



GET ON SCHEDULE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

The lazy days of summer are coming to a close and the back-to-school routine will be taking their place. Setting routines with your children from the first day of school will help you to keep things from getting out of hand.

In order to prepare, start implementing a routine plan a week or so before school starts. You can do so by creating before-bed, before-school and after-school routines for each of your children, and even yourself. This gives you (the parent) the week to tweak those routines and start the new school year off smoothly!

1. Bedtime

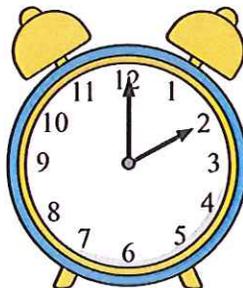
A smooth morning starts the night before. Make sure their homework is in backpack and see if any papers need to be signed. Have them layout their clothes for the day including their socks, shoes, belts and hair bows. This should alleviate that "Where's my other shoe?" problem.

2. Morning

Always try to be up about 30 minutes OR more before your children are. It's enough time to get dressed, have a few minutes of quiet time, check your email and feel slightly human before they're up. When they're all up, give them a time frame to get everything done they need. Ask them to be dressed, teeth brushed, face washed and at the breakfast table in 30 minutes. It is important check on them about half way and remind them they have 15 minutes left - younger children may need more guidance than older children. Eat something easy for breakfast (waffles, yogurt or granola), grab your things and head out the door.

3. After school

After you've had a busy day, you may want a small break and sometimes you would expect that after being at school all day your children will feel the same. Let them get in the door, feed them a small snack and just decompress for a bit. After that, tackle homework, after-school activities and day-to-day things that are needed to keep your home functional.



Dublin Peanut Festival Accepting Applications

The Dublin Peanut Festival Pageant Committee is accepting applications for the 2016 Dublin Peanut Festival Scholarship Pageant that will be held Saturday, September 10th, 2016. At the end of the Queens one year reign, she will be presented a \$1,000.00 check, provided she has met all her requirements set forth in her contract. The check will be made payable to the college she will be attending in the fall. What a great opportunity! Message us online at:

[Facebook.com/DPFScholarshipPageant](https://www.facebook.com/DPFScholarshipPageant) for an application.

Dublin Peanut Festival organizers are now accepting Craft & Food Vendor Applications for the festival that will be held September 17th, 2016. Contact Jane Starnes at 910-862-4301 or visit www.dublinpeanutfestival.com for your application.

Classic Cruisers Car Club is now accepting registration for the Dublin Peanut Festival car show to be held September 17th, 2016 on festival day. For more info contact Wayne Dove at (910) 876-5578.



The Dublin Peanut Festival Parade Begins at 10:00am September 17th, 2016

Contact Pete Batton @ 910-876-1855 For More Information

**Our parade is sure to have something for everyone. From clowns, fire trucks,
beauty queens to spiffy old automobiles that's sure to bring back memories.**

Parade entry is FREE except for Beauty Queens and Kings.

The fee for Queens and Kings is as follows:

- \$25.00 for 1 Queen in an auto**
- \$40.00 for 2 to 3 Queens in an auto**
- \$50.00 per Float or Boat in the parade for Queens and Kings**

**If we do not receive your entry fee for the parade before
September 12th, 2016, the fee will be \$75.00.**

Please make checks payable to The Dublin Peanut Festival and mail to:

**DUBLIN PEANUT FESTIVAL
PO BOX 561
DUBLIN, N.C. 28332**

Please include the following:

- 1) Name of Queen(s) King(s)**
- 2) Organization represented**
- 3) Amount Paid**

SENIOR CENTER IS OFFERING FALL PREVENTION CLASS, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you find yourself lacking community or looking for ways to help others, the Bladen County Senior Center is hosting new activities and looking for new volunteers.

The newest activity around the Senior Center is the upcoming "Matter of Balance: Fall Prevention Class."

This class will be open to seniors 60 years old and up. It will be held from August 11th to September 29th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bladen County Senior Center.

The Senior Center is also asking for volunteers to help enrich the lives of the seniors and help in different tasks.

To sign up for the class, be a volunteer or to get more information, contact Carol Mitchell at 910-872-6331.

The Senior Center is located behind the Department of Social Services building in Elizabethtown at 608 McCleod Street.

<http://www.bladenonline.com/senior-center-is-offering-fall-prevention-class-needs-volunteers/>

CAPE FEAR VALLEY-BLADEN HEALTHCARE TO OFFER DARKNESS TO LIGHT TRAINING

Cape Fear Valley-Bladen Healthcare will offer a training program "Darkness to Light: End Child Sexual Abuse" on Monday, Sept. 19, from 1 until 3 p.m.

There is no charge for the program but registration is required to ensure enough materials are available. To register, contact Terri Duncan via email at tduncan@capefearvalley.com.

The program is a training session that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. It is designed for adults who work with children and topics will include how to spot child sexual abuse; discuss methods to prevent child sexual abuse; and the responsible actions to the discovery or suspicion of child sexual abuse.

The training will be provided by Tamie Evers who is an authorized Darkness to Light Facilitator. She can be reached with questions via email at tevers@capefearvalley.com.

The program is approved for two hours of continuing education by the National Association of Social Workers. To receive credit, participants must attend the entire session and hand in a completed evaluation form at the end of the training session.

<http://www.bladenonline.com/cape-fear-valley-bladen-healthcare-to-offer-darkness-to-light-training/>

HOSPICE OFFERS FREE HEALTHCARE DECISIONS CLINIC

Lower Cape Fear Hospice will host a Begin the Conversation clinic about end-of-life and healthcare decisions. It will be from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at LCFH's Bladen County office, 116 W. Broad St. in Elizabethtown.

This session, which is free to adults 18 and older, will provide attendees information and resources to think about and plan for future healthcare decisions.

"At any time in your life, you may be unable to communicate your healthcare choices as a result of an injury or serious illness," said Jason Clamme, LCFH director of community outreach. "Begin the Conversation clinics can help you think about your healthcare wishes and create a plan to ensure your wishes are known. Having a plan will make it easier for you, your doctor and your loved ones to ensure those wishes are honored, especially when you cannot speak for yourself."

The first step in the advance care planning process is to learn what you can about it. This clinic will increase your knowledge about healthcare choices and the importance of planning, and will encourage communication with loved ones, caregivers and healthcare professionals so all can share in that knowledge.

Advance directives, such as living wills and healthcare power of attorney forms, will be supplied so healthcare instructions can be legally documented.

For more information, contact Clamme at [910-796-7943](tel:910-796-7943) or jason.clamme@lcfh.org.

Lower Cape Fear Hospice is a nonprofit agency that provides healthcare and comfort to people with advanced illnesses; support and counseling to families; and education in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender counties in North Carolina, and Horry County in South Carolina. For more information, visit www.lcfh.org or facebook.com/lcfhospice.

Begin the Conversation is a public education program to encourage people to identify and communicate healthcare choices. For more information, visit www.begintheconversation.org or facebook.com/begintheconversation.

SOUTHEASTERN HOSPICE OFFERS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Southeastern Hospice will host a training course for new volunteers interested in assisting hospice patients and their families in homes or at Southeastern Hospice House. Prospective volunteers are required to attend all sessions, which will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings, September 8 through 27, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at Southeastern Hospice House, 1100 Pine Run Drive in Lumberton. Volunteers must consent to a background check (paid for by the agency) as well as a TB skin test and flu vaccination (also provided by the agency).

Each volunteer session is designed to increase awareness of issues important to the care of dying patients and their families, including hospice philosophy, grief, concepts of dying, family dynamics; communication skills, and aging.

Applications are being accepted through September 2, 2016. To register or for more information, contact Southeastern Hospice Volunteer Program Leader Sheryl Taylor at [910-735-8915](tel:910-735-8915) or taylor25@srmc.org. Southeastern Hospice and Southeastern Hospice House are affiliates of Southeastern Health.

<http://www.bladenonline.com/southeastern-hospice-hosts-volunteer-training/>



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Elections

RALEIGH, N.C. – The State Board of Elections has designated a special filing period for the office of Superior Court Judge (District 5B). Filing will begin at noon on Monday, August 1st and end at noon on Friday, August 5th. Interested candidates may file at the State Board of Elections office at 441 North Harrington Street in Raleigh.

The filing period follows the announced resignation of Senior Resident Superior Court Judge W. Allen Cobb Jr. All qualified candidates will appear on the general election ballot, and the winner will be determined by plurality vote.

The filing fee for this office is \$1,269. District 5B includes portions of New Hanover and Pender Counties. All candidate filings are contingent upon agency staff's confirmation that Judge Cobb has in fact vacated the seat.

<http://www.bladenonline.com/special-filing-period-for-superior-court-judge-dist-5b/>

Children of all ages are invited (and parents too)

The Bladen County Pet Responsibility Team presents:

The Summer Pet Responsibility Program

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Everything you ever wanted to know about pets!

- Basics of responsible pet ownership
- How to be safe around animals
 - Why spay or neuter?
 - Myths about animals
- Shelters giving pets a second chance
 - Come visit our therapy pets

WHEN: AUGUST 11, 17 & 25

WHERE: BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (MAIN)

TIME: 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

For more info contact Dawn Benner 910-879-7688

August



It's Time for School!