



Team



Bladen

DECEMBER 2014
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY



WHERE: BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

JOIN US FOR A MOVIE & POPCORN!

PLEASE WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY PJs!

PLEASE CALL 910-862-6990 TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD
BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE
GUARDIAN DURING THIS EVENT.

Department Heads:
Co. Manager: Greg Martin
Animal Control: Kory Hair
Building Inspections:
Matt Chadwick
Clerk of Courts:
Nikki Dennis
Computer Operations:
Robin Hewett
Consolidated
Human Services
Health: Cris Harrelson
DSS: Vickie Smith
Economic Development:
Chuck Heustess
Elections: Cynthia Shaw
Emergency Services:
Fire: Bradley Kinlaw
EMS: David Howell, Jr.
Extension:
Ryan Harrelson
Finance: Lisa Coleman
Human Resources:
Amy Pharr
Library:
Operations: Robert Mazur
Planning: Greg Elkins
Recreation: Grant Pait
Register of Deeds:
Beverly Parks
Revenue: Christopher Ellis
Senior Services: Joan Allen
Soil & Water: Dean Morris
Sheriff: James McVicker
Water: Randy Garner

BE KIND TO THE ENVIROMENT DURING THE HOLIDAYS

For the address of the center near you, call the Solid Waste Management Office at (910) 645-4279

1. Live Christmas Trees should be carried to the Solid Waste Transfer Station yard waste site or any of the other county's convenient centers and deposited into the yard waste container. All stands and ornaments must be removed.
2. Recycle cardboard boxes at the transfer station. Cardboard must be flattened.
3. Carry the old artificial tree that you replaced, good toys, and items you no longer need to your local donation center.
4. Keep those gift bags and boxes for recycling or reuse.
5. Recycle all year long!
6. Decorate your landscape by stringing up popcorn and berries for a holiday treat for nearby wildlife.
7. Don't be a litterbug! Littering is illegal and harmful to the environment! Pick up a Department of Transportation free litter bag from your local transfer station.
8. Use a car or pocket ashtray. Use a vehicle litter bag.
9. Compost all food scraps, biodegradable wreaths, and other fruit or leaf decorations.
10. Cooked too much food? Share with a neighbor or needy family instead of throwing it away.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

CHRISTMAS: December 24, 25, 26, 2014

NEW YEARS: January 1, 2015

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY: January 19, 2015



DIRECTIONS

In a large mixing bowl stir together flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt; set aside.

In another large mixing bowl beat shortening and sugar with an electric mixer until well combined. Add egg, molasses, and vinegar; beat well.

Add flour mixture; beat until combined. Stir in any remaining flour by hand. Divide dough in half; wrap in plastic. Chill 3 hours or until easy to roll.

On a lightly floured surface, roll one portion of the dough at a time to 1/8-inch thickness. Using cookie cutters, cut into desired shapes. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets.

Bake in a 375 degree F oven 5 to 6 minutes or until edges are just firm. Remove from oven. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute; transfer cookies to a wire rack and let cool. Pipe on decorator icing, if you like. Makes 72 three-inch cookies.

Ingredients 5 cups of all-purpose sugar 1 cup shortening
2 teaspoons of ground ginger 1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoons of baking soda 1 cup of molasses
1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon 2 teaspoons vinegar
1/2 teaspoon of salt

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1 PRAYER SERVICE, 8:15 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

2 DIVISION MANAGERS MEETING, 11 A.M.

3 BLADEN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS MEETING, POWELL-MELVIN AG. CENTER, 8 A.M.

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6 **BLADENBORO CHRISTMAS PARADE**, DOWNTOWN BLADENBORO, 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

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11 **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY**,
ELIZABETHTOWN LIBRARY, 6 P.M.

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15 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

16 PLANNING BOARD MEETING, 7 P.M.

17 GRANDPARENTS & KINSHIP CAREGIVER'S RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP,
BLADEN COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING, 10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

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24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**-COUNTY OFFICE CLOSED

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31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

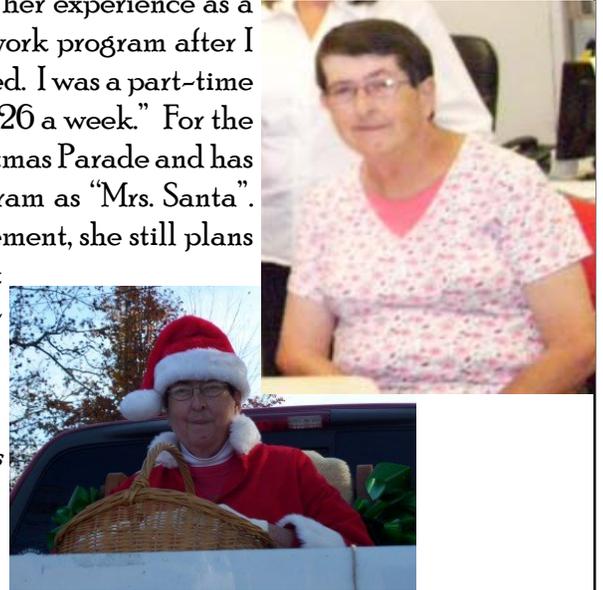


Good bye to a Faithful Employee

Maggie “Faye” Sykes (Library) is retiring after 37 years of dedicated service to Bladen County. Affectionately known as “Miss Faye” by her co-workers and patrons, she served residents of Bladen County as Branch Manager and Librarian Assistant of the Bridger Memorial Library in Bladenboro. Upon graduating from Bladenboro High School she earned an Associates Degree from Bladen Technical Community College. Faye has one pet, a white cockatiel named “Sugar” and she resides in Bladenboro near her relatives. In her spare time, she enjoys NASCAR and scary movies. Her favorite NASCAR driver is Dale Earnhardt Jr. and she prefers Chevrolet drivers over a Ford any day. Although she has been a librarian assistant for nearly four decades, Faye sure doesn't plan to spend her retirement just sitting around reading books. She plans to take a vacation to a sunny place and visit distant relatives for a while. When asked about her experience as a county employee for 37 years she stated, “I started off in a job work program after I earned my associates. I aspired to be a teacher but was discouraged. I was a part-time summer worker where I worked 2 hours a day and earned only \$26 a week.” For the past few years she has been “Mrs. Santa” in the Bladenboro Christmas Parade and has also helped host the library's annual children's Christmas Program as “Mrs. Santa”. She truly is a very sweet, kind, and generous woman. Upon retirement, she still plans to reside in Bladenboro and hopes to help home school her great nieces and nephews. We will truly miss hearing “Bridger Memorial Library! HELL-OOO!”

“I've enjoyed it ALL— the good and the bad! Running Bridger has been some pleasurable and exciting experience!”

-Faye Sykes



Good bye to a Faithful Employee

Connie Clark Hyatt (Library) is retiring after over a decade of service to Bladen County. Connie has faithfully worked with EMS, Dispatch and the Library. She has worked with the Library as the Children's Librarian Assistant for over three years. She has helped organize weekly story times for pre-school aged children, the Summer Reading Program at each branch and has facilitated an outreach program at Benjamin Manor weekly in the afternoons. In her spare time, Connie enjoys sewing, crocheting, and making crafts—from beautiful wreaths to decadent center pieces with elaborate bows and ribbons. With an undying love for small children and the elderly, she captivates the hearts of all who have the pleasure of being her dear friend. She is capable of relating to any individual who crosses her path and loves to closely interact with the public. Having a pleasant aura and free spirit, Connie always graces a room with a warm smile and a sweet greeting. Even though she plans to retire at the end of December she does not plan to stop her work. She plans to continue making unique crafts in her free time and hopes to open her own small business out of her home. Connie is married to Willie “Bill” Hyatt—they have one son and one grandson.

“It was an honor and a privilege to work with Bladen County. I truly enjoyed helping others and making a positive difference in the hearts of small children.”

-Connie Hyatt



BLADEN COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION, NOVEMBER 19, 2014



EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON 2014 DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

ANGEL ENTERPRISE

**CURIO CABINET
HURRICANE LAMP**

**VERTIS MCKOY
CERECA NEWKIRK**

**DIVISION ON AGING
DSS**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 521-EAST ARCADIA

**CASH PRIZE
CASH PRIZE**

**DELORA LESANE
AMY ANDERSON**

**OPERATIONS
DSS**

BB & T

TOTE

ADAM NOBLES

HEALTH

BIG BLUE STORE

BUBBA CUP

MARTHA WALKER

DIVISION ON AGING

CAMPBELL OIL COMPANY

PROGRAM. THERMO

ROBERT MAZUR

OPERATIONS

CAPE FEAR FARM CREDIT ASSOCIATION

VARIETY PACKAGE

JOE LACEWELL

MOTOR POOL

COLONIAL INSURANCE

BOOM BOX

TERESA MCLEAN

DSS

COMMUNITY EYE CARE

GAS CARD

CRYSTAL SLATER

DSS

FIRST BANK

**CASE OF WATER
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**ANDREA SINGLETARY
BONNIE DREW
MILDRED BEATTY
GRANT PAIT**

**HEALTH
HEALTH
DSS
RECREATION**

GIORGIO'S

**GIFT CARD
GIFT CARD**

**SHERRY HALL
CONNIE HYATT**

**EXTENSION
LIBRARY**

EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON 2014 DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

JIM HILL, ATTORNEY

GIFT CARD

KATHY BAKER

SHERIFF

LU MIL VINEYARD

VARIETY PACK

GWEN LESANE

SHERIFF

VARIETY PACK

PAULA WARWICK

DIV. ON AGING

MELVIN'S

GIFT CERTIFICATE

DEBRA JONES

DSS

GIFT CERTIFICATE

SUSAN DANIEL

DSS

GIFT CERTIFICATE

PAMELA MOORE

DSS

GIFT CERTIFICATE

PALMA BURNS

OPERATIONS

GIFT CERTIFICATE

SANDRA RODGERS

DSS

MOFFATT DESIGNS

EARRINGS

DOROTHY ZEIGLER

DSS

PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT

COOLER BAG

SHARON MCGAVOCK

DSS

WALL ATTORNEY

TICKET-75 OR UNDER

TINA CLARK

FINANCE

WASHINGTON NATIONAL

KNIFE SET

WILLIAM DOVE

SHERIFF

KNIFE SET

JEFF BRIDGERS

SHERIFF

KNIFE SET

LINDA CLARK

ECON. DEVELOPMENT

WEST-THOMAS INSURANCE

GIFT CARD

LEVENDA GEORGE

OPERATIONS

GIFT CARD

DEBRA CONNER

HEALTH

GIFT CARD

GLORIETTA BARNES

REV. ADMINISTRATION

