



Team Bladen

JULY 2014
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

Have a Blast at Your Library!



The story YELLER, will come to
the Elizabethtown Library,
**THURSDAY, JULY 24th @ 6:30
PM.**

This special summer program is
sponsored
by **Wal-Mart!**



Mondays @ 3 PM

June 30 - July 28

Bridger Memorial

Tuesdays @ 3 PM

July 1- July 29

Clarkton Library

**Wednesdays @ 3
PM**

July 2—July 30

E-town Library



Thurs @ 10 AM

year 'round

preschool story
time at **Elizabeth-
town Library**

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

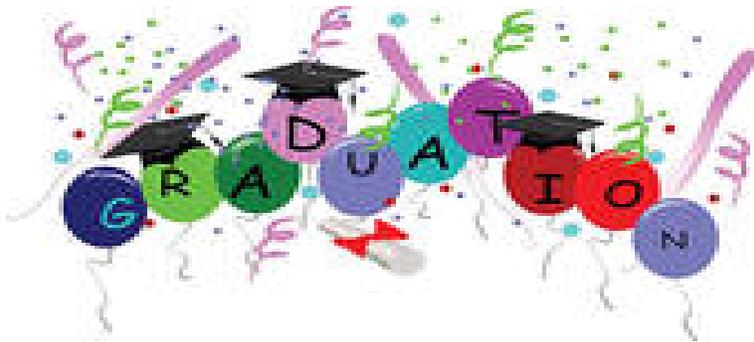
Sheriff: Prentis Benston

Water: Randy Garner

We're Proud of Our 2014 Graduates!



Alexis, daughter of Charmoine Buie (DSS) will be attending Appalachian State University in the fall, and intends to major in Cell/Molecular Biology. Her Scholarships and Awards include the following: Queen Esther Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Justin McLaurin Scholarship, 2014 Optimist Club Scholarship, DAR Good Citizen, Bladen Co. Assoc, of Educators Scholarship, Ottis Edward Graham Memorial Scholarship & Curtis L. Brown Scholarship.



Johnny Spell, son of Susan Guyton (Library) and Rodney Guyton graduated from West Bladen High School on June 12, 2014. He also graduated with a certificate in Electrical Engineering and Machining from Bladen Community College. He plans to attend BCC in the fall.



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- 4 **COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**
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- 7 Prayer Service, 8:15 AM
- 8 Safety Committee, 10 AM, Library
Div. Manager Meeting, 11 AM, Library
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- 11 NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans
- 12 NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans
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- 14 NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans
- 15 Planning Board meets, 7 PM
- 16 Grandparents & Kinship Caregivers Raising Grandchildren Support Group, Bladen County Division on Aging, 10 – 11:30 AM
- 17 Bladen County Public Library Board of Trustees meet, 5PM, Elizabethtown Library
- 18 **Christmas in July**, 10 AM – 2 PM, Powell-Melvin
July Lunch & Learn, noon & 1 PM, Health Department
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- 21 Board of Commissioners meeting, 6:30 PM
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- 24 **The Story Yeller**, 6:30 PM, Elizabethtown Library
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Congratulations, 2014 Graduates!



Olivia Shaw (Angela, DSS) graduated from West Bladen High School and will attend BCC in the fall. She plans to transfer to NC State & major in Agriculture.

Kathleen Hebert (Rhea, Library) graduated with a master's degree in Parks & Tourism Management from NCSU. She is Park Technician of Programs at Harris Lake County Park in Raleigh.

Rhianna Tonae Jones-Adams, graduate of Whiteville High, June 13, 2014. Will attend Hampton University in the fall. She is the daughter of Debra N Jones (DSS). →



Jacqueline Maria Jenkins received her Master's Degree in Business Administration from Winston-Salem State University on Friday, May 16, 2014. Jacqueline is the daughter of the late A. W. Jenkins and Dalphine G. Jenkins with Building Inspections.

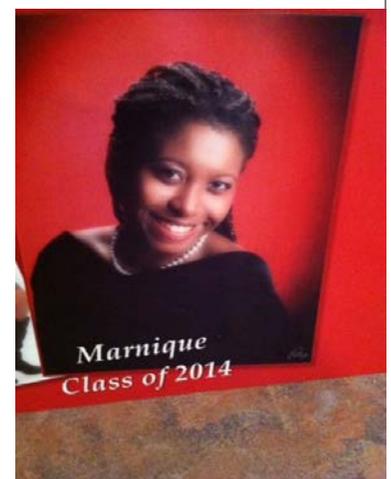
Matthew Strickland was invited to join the *Xi Sigma Pi*, National Scholastic Honor Society, *Xi Sigma Pi*, the oldest and most prestigious natural resources honor society in the United States. It was founded in 1908 and the North Carolina State chapter was founded in 1940, the first natural resources honor society in the South. Matthew graduated from East Bladen High School in 2010 and began his college career at Bladen Community College and transferred to North Carolina State University and will graduate December 2014. Matthew is the son of Greg and Carol (*Health Dept.*) Strickland of White Lake. →



Keonna T. Graham, graduate of North Brunswick High, will attend Cape Fear Community College. She is the daughter of LaTrinda Graham & Granddaughter of Minister Ernest & Bernadine Davis. ←

Nierra M. Johnson, East Bladen High will take online classes toward a degree in Photography. She is the daughter of LoWanda Davis & Granddaughter of Minister Ernest & Bernadine Davis. →

These two graduates are the grandchildren of Bernadine Graham of DSS.



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More Graduates & Promotions!



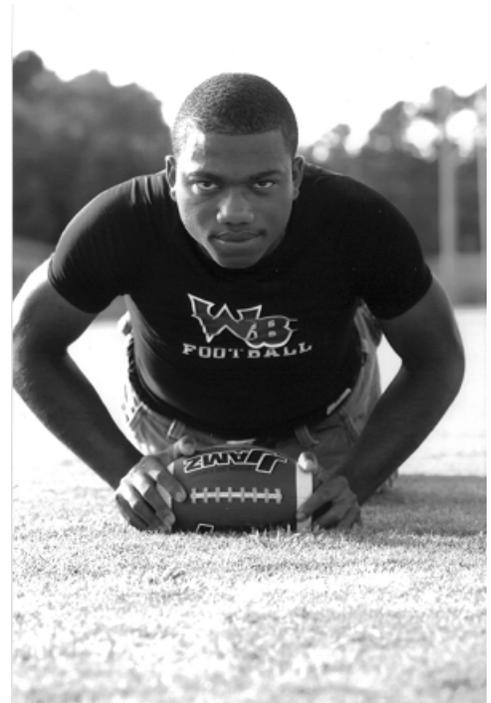
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Jordan Summer Hayes, daughter of Janice (Finance) and Jerry Hayes graduated from East Bladen High June 13, 2014. She was awarded the Superintendents List, Sr. Athletic Award for Soccer, Varsity Letter Award & National Career Readiness Bronze. She will attend Bladen Community College this summer to further her education in Nursing.

Nijeal K. Williams, son of Jenny Hall (DSS) and John Williams of St. Mary's, GA is a 2014 graduate from West Bladen High School. Nijeal plans to attend Southeastern Community College to earn his Associates Degree in Arts & General Education with a minor of Physical Education & Health.

Corey A. Rich, the son of Ted and Sandra (DSS) Rich, has been promoted to the position of Chief of Probation/Parole in Brunswick County. Corey completed his education at the University of Wilmington in Criminal Justice in 2006. He has held the position of Probation/Parole Officer II with Brunswick County since that time and until his promotion in March 2014. Corey lives with his wife Shelley and their daughter Emmi.



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The Bladen County Finance Office provides general accounting and payroll as well as cash forecasting, investing, debt management, fixed asset control and budgetary control in accordance with North Carolina's Local Government Fiscal Control Act. It is also responsible for reporting to management and state and federal agencies as required in accordance with North Carolina general statutes, federal law and regulations as well as generally accepted accounting principles.

The Bladen County Finance Office establishes and maintains the accounting system, control and monitors expenditures, manages the receipt and deposit of moneys and other assets. It pays all the county's bills and is responsible for the county's revenues and investments. It also helps in the preparation of the annual audit and annual budget.



Back row: Cynthia Mckoy, Janice Hayes,
Middle row: Bobby Jean Clark, Lisa Coleman
Front: Tina Clark

Rich holds a Master of Education from Campbell and received his Doctor of Philosophy in Research and Policy Analysis from North Carolina State University.

The public health program at Campbell was announced in 2011 with the purpose of addressing the shortage of public health professionals in the community and the state with a focus on rural health care disparities.