



TEAM BLADEN

SEPTEMBER 2015
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

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The 23rd Annual Dublin Peanut Festival

September 19th, 2015

ALL DAY EVENTS

NO PETS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED EXCEPT SERVICE ANIMALS

8:00am- 12:00pm-----Car Show Registration

10:00am-----Parade (Be There at 9:15pm to Line Up)

11:00am-----Bar-B-Que Plate Sale, School Cafeteria

11:00am to 11:30am-----Welcome by Mayor Horace Wyatt

Opening Prayer

National Anthem

Introduction of Dignitaries

Introduction of Festival Queens

Introduction of Grand Marshal

Presentation of T-shirt & Scholarship Winner

11:30am to 12:00pm-----The Mighty Echoes

12:00pm to 3:00pm-----Car Show Judging

12:30pm to 1:30pm-----Band of Oz

1:00pm to 1:15pm-----Announcements and Contests

Kiddie and Women's Tractor Pull Recipe Contest Winners

1:45pm to 4:00pm-----Blackwater Rhythm
and Blues Band -(<http://blackwaterhythmdbluesband/>)

2:15pm to 2:45pm-----Announcements and Contests

Winners of the Car Show and 50/50 Drawing Announced

Mechanical Rides, Huge Activity House and 35' Slide

The Dublin Peanut Festival

The Dublin Peanut Festival Pageant Committee is now accepting applications for the 2015 Dublin Peanut Festival \$1,000 Scholarship Pageant. The pageant will be held Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Dublin Elementary School Multipurpose Building. For an application, message us at Facebook.com/DPFScholarshipPageant.

Dublin Peanut Festival organizers are now accepting applications for craft and food vendors. The Bladen County Health Department will have to receive food vendor applications and fees no later than Sept. 4. Contact Jane Starnes at 910-862-4301.

The Classic Cruisers Car Club is accepting applications for the festival's car show that will be held the day of the festival, Sept. 19, at Dublin Elementary School. All antiques, classic cars and trucks are welcome. For information, contact Wayne Dove at 910-876-5578

Contacts & Other Information

CHAIRMAN DONNIE TODD 910 876-3295

CO-CHAIRMAN HORACE WYATT 910-872-3871

ADVERTISING BOBBIE TODD 910-876-4884

PAGEANT BRITTANY HUNT 910-674-9708

PARADE PETE BATTON 910-876-1855

FOOD AND CRAFT VENDORS JANE STARNES 910-862-4301

ENTERTAINMENT DALE EDWARDS 910-445-3203

CAR SHOW WAYNE DOVE 910-876-5578

PEANUT BAKE-OFF BARBARA JEAN RICE 910-872-1621

CITY OF DUBLIN TOWN MAYOR HORACE WYATT 910-872-3871

CAKE WALK DUBLIN SCHOOL 910-862-2202

THE DUBLIN PEANUT FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETS THE 2nd TUESDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OCTOBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME WITH NEW AND FRESH IDEAS.

Hello Valued Vendor!

The Dublin Peanut Festival Committee takes pleasure in inviting you to be part of our 22nd Annual Dublin Peanut Festival in Dublin, NC on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Excitement is always in the air on this day! The Festival begins with a parade at 10:00 am followed by lots of entertainment including rides, games, music, a car show and most important....craft vendors and food vendors! The cost to participate this year is \$35 for craft vendors and \$150 for food vendors. Please return your registration form along with the cost of your booth by September 5, 2014. Food vendors please note that the only food products you will not be allowed to sell are peanuts, hot dogs, sausage dogs and bar-b-que as these are the food items we sell. We ask that you set up prior to 8:30 am. Note: set up can begin Friday after 3:30 PM. However, the Dublin Peanut Festival will not be responsible for any property loss or damage that may occur overnight. Please do not break down until 4:00 pm. Breaking down early and trying to drive your vehicle through the festival site could result in an accident to guests attending the festival. The Bladen County Health Department will need all Food Vendor Applications and Fees by September 5, 2014. The address and application can be found on the Bladen County Health Department Food Permit which is included in a link at the bottom of the page. The Bladen County Health Department requires all food vendors to use a tent to cover their food space. All food vendors must bring their own tent(s)--the Peanut Festival does not supply or provide tents. Please feel free to contact Tissie Mainess (910-872-0390) or Donnie Todd (910-648-2862) or e-mail us at mmainess@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thanks and let's hope for once again a successful Dublin Peanut Festival for Dublin and our vendor partners!

Food Vendors

If you are a for profit food vendor, you will need to have with you your food permit provided by the Bladen County Health Department. Not for profit food vendors need only to have your tax number with you.

- Should you need electric power, you will have to supply your own generator.
- Water spaces are limited. Vendors will need to provide their own water hoses, Y's and T's for hook up.
- Craft vendors- your tents should be no larger then 10 X 10. Spaces will be 12 X 12.

Any questions can be directed to the Bladen County Health Department at (910)862-6852.

Vendor Application

Dublin Peanut Festival

PO Box 561 Dublin, NC 28332

Phone ~ 910-872-0390 or Cell 910-584-1929 (Tissie Mainess)

Phone ~ 910-648-2862 (Donnie Todd)

E Mail~ mmainess@yahoo.com

Name -----

Address -----

Telephone-----

E-Mail (not necessary) -----

Types of Craft(s) -----

Types of Food(s) -----

Signature -----

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Dublin Peanut Festival selected graduating senior, Zackary Bridgers, from WBHS to receive it's \$2,000 scholarship award. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior to continue their education at Bladen Community College. This year's 2015 Dublin Peanut Festival T-Shirt Design Winner is Riley McIntyre. He is a student at Dublin Elementary School, an avid reader, and a summer reading participant at the library.

Dublin Peanut Festival Parade Information

The Parade Begins at 10:00am September 19th, 2015

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 14th, 2015, 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)



Crazy Fun **5K** Color Run & Walk

Saturday,

October 3, 2015

starting at 9 AM

All proceeds benefit the
United Way of Bladen County.

**United
Way**



Levels of Sponsorship

___ \$1,000 Platinum Sponsor ___ \$250 Silver Sponsor

___ \$ 500 Gold Sponsor ___ \$100 Bronze Sponsor

Sponsorship Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Company: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to

UNITED WAY OF BLADEN COUNTY

Thank you for your support!

Return form to:

United Way of Bladen County

PO Box 2636, Elizabethtown, NC 28337



Crazy Fun **5K** Color Run & Walk



to benefit United Way of Bladen County

NO-COST MEALS FOR BLADEN STUDENTS

By: Valerie Newton

Beginning August 25, students in all Bladen County Schools will have the opportunity to eat breakfast and lunch at school at no cost, even if families have the financial means to pay. North Carolina is one of many states to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program.

The meal program, more than three years in the making, is part of a federal initiative that aims to make it easier for students from low-income families to receive free meals by eliminating the need to fill out paperwork, including potentially invasive questions about income. The cost of the meals will be covered by the federal government.

With the 2010-2011 school year, Bladen County Schools began participating in the Universal Free Breakfast program which allows all students to eat breakfast at no cost. It eliminated an awkward socioeconomic divide that unfolded in some schools every morning, where low-income students would receive free milk, pastries, or other items in their classrooms, while more affluent students often went without. At lunch, such a divide is generally less obvious because students use an ID card or a number when going through the cafeteria line, making it difficult for classmates to know whether meals are free or being charged to an account. In some cases, though, students pay with cash.

Now, the district is expanding the Universal Free program to include the CEP program whereby every student is eligible to participate in breakfast and lunch regardless of income status. "We have seen increases in the number of students eating breakfast over the last several years because of the universal breakfast project," said Child Nutrition Director Amy Stanley. "Every child has a right to healthy, nutritious meals in school, and when we saw a chance to offer these healthy lunch meals at no cost to them, we jumped at the chance,"

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently released data reporting high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In Bladen County, nearly 30 percent of children live in food insecure households.

The CEP program was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and provides universal meal service to children in high poverty areas. CEP is an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free and reduced price eligible students in high poverty Local Education Agencies (LEA). If at least 40 percent of a school's students are directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

"We know that well fed children are able to focus in class and ultimately do better in school," said Superintendent Robert Taylor. "We are unsure of the entire scope of this opportunity but we know that it will have a tremendous impact on our ability to feed Bladen County children both a healthy breakfast and lunch for free."

About three-quarters of Bladen's 4,800 students or 74.44 percent last school year qualified for a free or a reduced-price lunch. A reduced lunch cost just 40 cents, compared with the full price of \$2.00 in elementary schools (preK-5) and \$2.20 in middle and high schools (6-12). School officials say more students would have qualified for the perk if their parents had filled out an application.

Parents fail to do so for a variety of reasons, such as the forms being printed in a language they cannot read or getting lost in a mountain of paperwork and notices that students bring home. The problem can come with a steep financial price for families and the schools alike. Because many schools are reluctant to turn away students if they do not have the money, cafeteria workers charge the lunch to an account. A principal or another school employee will seek payment from parents or guardians — putting them in the awkward position of becoming bill collectors. To participate, a certain percentage of students in a district must qualify for free meals. That threshold — in light of the absence of student applications for free meals — is developed through a complex formula that includes such factors as the percentage of families in a community who receive food stamps.

Bladen County school officials are hoping more students will eat the lunches now that they are free, instead of bringing something from home, setting a goal of a 10 percent to 20 percent increase in participation.

NEED UNIFORMS?

Visit Sonya King Edge, Founder of the Uniform Closet at 5682 NC HWY 87 W, Elizabethtown, NC.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Thursday 9 am-5pm

Friday—Saturday 10:30 am - 2pm

The Uniform Closet was formed specifically for Bladen County students who are in need of school uniforms and can not purchase them.

Visit their Uniform Closet's Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/682903105124064/>

As the founder stated on the organization's website:

“My heart breaks when my kid comes home for school and says there are children in their classes that wear the same clothes everyday and wants to know if we have anything to give them. My purpose in this group is to collect new and gently used uniforms and shoes for the children in Bladen County who are in need. K - 12th grade.”

Please visit the Bladen County Schools website at:

<http://www.bladen.k12.nc.us/parents/school-uniforms>

For a brochure containing more information on the uniform policy for each public school in the district.

In addition, local merchants that sell Bladen County School uniforms:

Fisher's Men's/Ladies Store

Leinwand's

Sign-Logic

Wal-Mart

NC DHHS URGES PARENTS TO GET CHILDREN VACCINATED FOR SCHOOL

August 11, 2015

Raleigh, NC

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is reminding parents of North Carolina middle school students to be aware of recent changes to immunization requirements, effective July 1. Children not up-to-date on these vaccinations will have 30 days from the start of school to be inoculated before facing suspension.

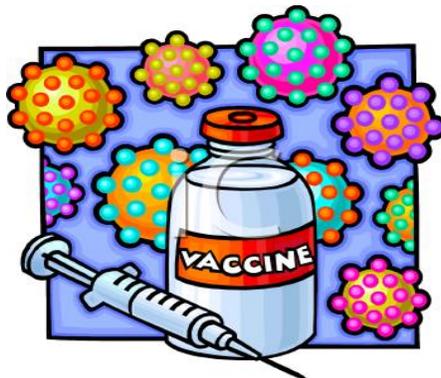
The updated requirements are:

- Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV) - (protects against meningitis)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough) Vaccine (Tdap)

The updated requirements are outlined in North Carolina Administrative Code 10A NCAC 41A.0401 *Dosage and Age Requirements for Immunization*, and are consistent with recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). "Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death," said Megan Davies, M.D., Acting State Health Director and Chief of DHHS' Division of Public Health's Epidemiology Section. "They not only help protect vaccinated individuals, but they also help protect the entire school community by reducing and preventing the spread of infectious diseases."

For more information please visit the web address below:

<http://www.immunize.nc.gov/PDFs/2014%20PDF/12.01.2014%20-%20FAQ%20for%20Parents%20of%207th%20Graders.pdf>



NEW GRADING POLICY

GRADES 3-12

(approved by State Board of Education on January 8, 2015)

EFFECTIVE SY 2015 - 2016

10-POINT GRADING SCALE

- Effective with the 2015-2016 school year, all students in Grades 9-12 will be graded using a ten (10) point grading scale.

90 -100= A

80-89= B

70-79=C

60-69=D

Below 60=F

There will be no plus/minus or augmented scales.

BCS Grading K-2

Grades K-2 continue with letter-based scales such as the following:

S Outstanding

S- Satisfactory

N Needs Improvement

N- Not meeting grade level objectives

U Unsatisfactory

For more information: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)

www.ncpublicschools.org

Division of Curriculum & Instruction

(Dr. Robin McCoy)

www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum

Bladen County Schools

www.bladen.k12.nc.us

NC State Board of Education Policy

<http://sbepolicy.dpi.state.nc.us/>

JONES LAKE STATE PARK
SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2015 @ 8:00 PM
MOVIE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 @ 10:00 AM
INTRO TO CAROLINA BAYS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 @ 10:00 AM
COMPASS COURSE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 @ 10:00 AM
DISCOVERY HIKE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 @ 3:00 PM
SNAKES

JONES LAKE STATE PARK IS LOCATED AT
4117 HWY 242 N, ELIZABETH TOWN, NC 28337

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL, 910.588.4550

BLADEN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER HOURS

Bladen County Animal Control / Shelter will be changing the business hours as of August 3rd, 2015. The hours of operation are designed to ensure that all animals in the shelter are properly and humanely cared for and that the public has adequate and ample opportunity to conduct adoptions and surrender stray / owned animals at the Bladen County Animal Control and Shelter.

Business Hours. The shelter is open to the public for all animal-related services, during the following hours:

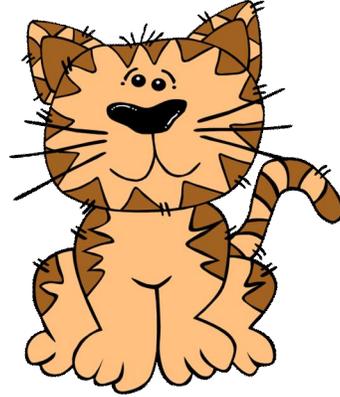
Animal Drop Off Monday-Friday 8:30 – 5:00 pm

Adoptions Monday -Friday 12:00 – 5:00 pm

Animal Pickup Monday-Friday 8:30 – 5:00 pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed



Emergency service hours. The shelter promptly responds to animal emergencies during non-business hours. Any situation in which a domestic or wild animal is creating a danger to the public is considered an emergency. Call 911 for all emergency calls and they will contact the Animal Control Officer on-call.

Thank You,

Karen Suggs, Shelter Manager

Bladen County Animal Control/Shelter

910.872.6262



BLADEN COUNTY

RABIES CLINIC

CATS AND DOGS

SEPTEMBER 2015

1 year and

3 year Rabies shots

Must have proof of previous Rabies shot to get a 3 year

\$6.00 EACH

Saturday, September 26th 2015 at Bladen County Animal
Control/Shelter

506 Smith Circle Drive, Elizabethtown

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Dr. Sheila Hanby, DVM

Cris Harrelson, Health Director

Kory Hair, Animal Control Supervisor

Karen Suggs, Shelter Manager

Jason Bryant, Rabies Control Officer

Devin Burney, Rabies Control Officer

George Lockamy, Rabies Control Officer

THE BATTLE OF ELIZABETHTOWN AT TORY HOLE PARK

Battle of Elizabethtown at Tory Hole Park

September 26 & 27

Now Accepting Vendor Applications

Contact Elizabethtown-White Lake Chamber of Commerce

(910) 862-4368 or tourism28337@embarqmail.com

All Other Inquiries, contact Bobby Lewis at 910 874-4011

THE BLADENBORO BEAST FESTIVAL

The Bladenboro Beast Festival is coming up and the committee is not accepting applications from anyone who might be interested in being a vendor for the event. The festival will last from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2015. The deadline for Vendor Applications is October 24, 2015. Please visit www.borobooster.org for more information or to submit a vendor application.

BLADEN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

122 Powell Melvin Agricultural Service Center
Elizabethtown, N.C. 28337

Telephone 910-862-3179, Opt. 3

Email kadavis@bladenco.org

Supervisors: Ray Allen, Willie Beard, McCrae Dowless, Charles Gillespie, Earl Storms

Staff: Dean Morris, Diana Irizarry, Neill Ray, Karen Davis

The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors will meet Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m. at the McDuffie Library, Powell-Melvin Agricultural Center, Elizabethtown.

For additional information call 910-862-3179, Opt. 3.

BLADEN COUNTY SHERIFF HONORS, WELCOMES, AND PROMOTES STAFF

Bladen County Sheriff, James A. McVicker held an awards and recognition ceremony on Friday, August 7th, to honor a retiree, welcome new hires, and promote 6 seasoned officers.

New Hires:

John Brock — Jailer

Christian Callahan — Telecommunicator

Reese Daniels — Deputy

James Dove — Deputy

Returns:

Robert Ivy — Part-Time Deputy

Investigator:

Rodney Warwick — Part-Time Investigator

Training Instructor:

Gary Tarlton — Part-Time Training Instructor

Retirement:

Sergent Warren Holder

Promotions:

Wanda Monroe — Corporal

Channing Willoughby — Corporal

Leon Graham — Sergeant

Cley Carroll — Sergeant

Chris Brisson — Investigator

Greg Bullard — Investigator

BCC IS RECRUITING STUDENTS FOR BLET ACADEMY

Registration for Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) at Bladen Community College is September 24, 2015. The 26-week program is approved for financial aid and VA benefits. Prior registration for the BLET Academy is required before class attendance begins. Registration is Thursday, September 24, at 6PM. At this mandatory sessions students will officially register for class, pay all fees, and purchase uniforms.

Classes meet Monday through Friday evenings, from 6PM until 10 PM and every other Saturday, from 8AM until 5PM. On nights when Physical Conditioning classes are scheduled, (typically three nights per week), classes meet from 5:30 PM until 10PM. During the 26-weel course, attendants will also be required to attend at least two week-day classes in Firearms and Driver training.

The BLET Academy fall classes begin on September 28, 2015 and continue through March 26, 2016. Prior registration on September 24 is required before attending classes. Cadets will have time off from classes during the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more information about the BLET Academy, contact the program director, John Trogden, at 910.879.5536, or jtrogden@bladencc.edu. Visit the link to the webpage at: <http://www.bladencc.edu/blet/download.php>.

Elizabethtown Police Chief Bobby Kinlaw retired August 27th. Chief Kinlaw has worked for the town of Elizabethtown for the past 34 years. According to the town's website, he's worked every position in the police department. He's been chief since 2000.



Deputy Warren Holder recently retired from the Bladen County Sheriff's Department. Holder has about 40 years in law enforcement, some in the military, a few years in another state agency, and about 20 years in the local sheriff's department.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



www.ready.gov/September

#NatlPrep

Since its inception in 2004, the National Preparedness Month is observed in the United States of America. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the Department of Homeland Security, National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools and communities.

National Preparedness Month is a part of a governmental effort to strengthen the United States' preparedness capabilities. The national preparedness architecture encompasses prevention, protection, response and recovery efforts to prepare the United States for all hazards –whether terrorist attack or natural disaster.

Since September 11, 2001, the US Government has taken steps to encourage all citizens to make their own survival preparations. September was chosen as National Preparedness Month, as the tragedies of September 11, 2001 highlighted to the nation the importance of being prepared. Also September has been chosen partly because of the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season is in mid-September.

National Preparedness Month Coalition

An organization can become a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member by agreeing to participate in a preparedness activity or event in the month of September. National Preparedness Month Coalition members have agreed to promote emergency preparedness through a variety of different ways. Members can sponsor events, coordinate Disaster Preparedness Days, create Disaster Checklists, assist with the creation of emergency kits and survival kits, along with any other Preparedness activities.

September is National Preparedness Month. This year we are asking you to take action now – make a plan with your community, your family, and for your pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community. We ask everyone to participate in America's PrepareAthon! and the national day of action, [National PrepareAthon! Day](#), which culminates National Preparedness Month on September 30.

2015 weekly hazard focused themes

- Week 1: September 1-5th Flood
- Week 2: September 6-12th Wildfire
- Week 3: September 13-19th Hurricane
- Week 4: September 20-26th Power Outage
- Week 5: September 27-30th

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED FOR BLADEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



Sandra Cain was named Bladen County Director for North Carolina Cooperative Extension effective September 1. An extension agent with more than 30 years experience, she has served as an interim county extension director since May 1.

RHUENETTA BROWN RETIRES FROM BLADEN COUNTY



Rhuenetta Brown, Human Resources Administrative Assistant II with Bladen County Government recently celebrated her retirement. Brown celebrated at a county retirement party with county employees on Monday, August 31st, at the Bladen County Health Department. When asked by Bladen County Manager Greg Martin about Brown, he said that she “had worked for the county since about 1976. She had worked at the Library, Tax Office, the Department of Social Services., and the Human Resources Department.”



KIP HESTER NEW POLICE CHIEF

Thursday, August 27, Kip Hester was sworn in by the Town of Elizabethtown as the Town’s new chief of police.

2015 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

EAST BLADEN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Non-Conference

August 21 at South Columbus

August 28 vs. Whiteville

September 4 at St. Pauls

September 11 open

September 18 vs. Wilmington Laney

Four County Conference

September 25 at Midway

October 2 at Clinton

October 9 vs. Pender

October 16 at Heidi Trask

October 23 vs. Wallace-Rose Hill

October 30 at Union

November 6 vs. West Bladen

ALL GAMES AT 7:30 PM

HOMECOMING

SENIOR NIGHT

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FOOTBALL GAMES TO BE ON 105.3 FM

The radio crew for Bladen County football will once again be intact for the 2015 football season and broadcast on Cool 105.3 on Friday nights. On-air personalities will be Ricky Leinwand, Robert Hester, Dan Allen and Joe Melvin—with sideline assistance from Ron Daniel.

Highly Pathogenic Asian Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Virus

Asian highly pathogenic [avian influenza](#) (HPAI) A (H5N1) virus occurs mainly in birds and is highly contagious among them. HPAI Asian H5N1 is especially deadly for poultry. The virus was first detected in 1996 in geese in China. Asian H5N1 was first detected in humans in 1997 during a poultry outbreak in Hong Kong and has since been detected in poultry and wild birds in more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Six countries are considered to be endemic for Asian HPAI H5N1 virus in poultry (Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam).

Since its widespread re-emergence in 2003, rare, sporadic human infections with this virus have been reported in Asia, and later in Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Human infections with Asian H5N1 viruses have been associated with severe disease and death. Most human infections with avian influenza viruses, including HPAI Asian H5N1 viruses, have occurred after prolonged and close contact with infected birds. Rare human-to-human spread with this virus has occurred, but it has not been sustained and no community spread of this virus has ever been identified.

In January 2014, Canada reported the first human infection with HPAI Asian H5N1 virus in the Americas. This was an “imported” case occurring in a traveler who had recently returned from China. To date, there have not been any reports of HPAI Asian H5N1 virus infections in people in the United States and Asian H5N1 has never been detected in U.S. birds or poultry. (The [H5N1 virus recently detected in U.S. wild birds](#) is a new mixed virus (a reassortant) that is genetically different from the Asian avian H5N1 viruses).

Flu viruses are constantly changing and animal flu viruses can change such that they may gain the ability to infect people easily and spread among people, causing a pandemic. Human infections with novel avian influenza virus like Asian H5N1 are concerning because of this pandemic potential. CDC takes routine public health preparedness measures whenever a virus with pandemic potential is identified. Because Asian H5N1 continues to circulate and has been responsible for a number of human infections, Asian H5 preparedness efforts have been extensive. Asian H5N1 vaccine is being stockpiled for pandemic preparedness by the United States government. It could be used if an HPAI H5N1 virus begins transmitting easily and efficiently from person to person.

Risk to Human Health

- While the risk from Asian H5N1 is low to most people, CDC recommends general [precautions](#).
- Sporadic human infections with Asian H5N1 virus have occurred in other countries, primarily in Asia and Africa. Most human infections with Asian H5N1 viruses in other countries have occurred after prolonged and close contact with infected sick or dead birds. No animal or human infections with Asian H5N1 virus have occurred in the United States.

North Carolina celebrates Wine and Grape Month in September

Special events planned at wineries, vineyards

RALEIGH – September is N.C. Wine and Grape Month, and wineries and vineyards across the state are planning wine tastings, grape stomps and other special events to celebrate the industry.

“There’s a lot to celebrate,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “The wine and grape industry contributes more than \$1.7 billion to the state’s economy and creates jobs for nearly 8,000 people.”

North Carolina is home to 159 wineries, from recent newcomers such as Jones vonDrehle Vineyards and Winery in Thurmond to established brands such as Biltmore Winery in Asheville. The majority of the wineries are considered small, producing less than 5,000 nine-liter cases annually. About 20 percent of all N.C. wine is sold directly to consumers.

“We’ve all heard of craft beer, but a lot of people don’t know that North Carolina is home to hundreds of craft wines that are produced in small batches and sold directly to consumers at wineries,” said Whit Winslow, executive director of the N.C. Wine and Grape Council.

Winslow said visiting local wineries is a great way to celebrate N.C. Wine and Grape Month and learn more about the industry. North Carolina is home to four distinct American Viti-cultural Areas: Haw River, located in the Piedmont; Swan Creek and Yadkin Valley, both located in the foothills; and Upper Hiwassee, which stretches through Western North Carolina and Northern Georgia. Several tour groups offer packages to explore these regions. Visitors also can plan their own trip using information available at www.ncwine.org.

Following are a few of the special events planned at local wineries and vineyards across the state during September:

- Sept. 4-6 – Taste of the New South Food and Wine Festival in Pinehurst
- Sept. 5 – Paddle & Patio Pizza Party at Grove Winery in Gibsonville
- Sept. 12 – Fall Harvest and Grape Stomp at Cypress Bend Vineyards in Wagram
- Sept. 17 – High Country Cheese and Wine Trolley Tour in Banner Elk
- Sept. 18 – Grape Day at the State Farmers Market in Raleigh
- Sept. 19 – Purple Feet Festival at Silver Coast Winery in Ocean Isle Beach
- Sept. 20 – N.C. Grape Stomp Festival at Gregory Vineyards in Angier
- Sept. 25 – N.C. Muscadine Harvest Festival in Kenansville

A complete schedule of Wine and Grape Month events and more information about the state’s wine and grape industry are available at www.ncwine.org.



Festivals, grape stomps and other special events are planned at N.C. wineries and vineyards during September.

ANNUAL LABOR DAY DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SALE IN ELIZABETHTOWN

Please join our Elizabethtown merchants as they celebrate this weekend with our Annual Labor Day Downtown Sidewalk Sales. Some of our participating merchants include:

All Out Stitches
Faith Partner Christian Supply
Fowler Jewelry
Fisher's Men's Shop—The Ladies Shop
Leinwand's
Main Street Treasures
Ray's Inc. Jewelry and Furniture
Yia Yia's

SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2015 UNITED

They all met together
And were constantly UNITED
in prayer. —Acts 1:14

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Global Week of Student Prayer

Sunday, September through Saturday, September 26, 2015

For the last 25 years, See You at the Pole has been about one simple act —prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation.



Storytelling with Ms. Lynda
6:30pm
Thursday, September 3
Bladen County Public Library
Main Branch-Elizabethtown

Ms. Lynda Johnston is a storyteller and educator, who often uses stories in her classroom no matter what age group she is teaching. She believes in the power of stories, and that we all need stories in our lives— stories that connect us to each other and live in our hearts for ever after! Join us for this family-oriented program that is part of the "100 County Journey," a project of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild to have a professional storyteller perform in every county in

North Carolina.

WHAT'S COOLER THAN BEING COOL?

HAVING A LIBRARY CARD.
GET YOURS TODAY!



September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

ilovelibraries.org/library-card

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Library cards are generally free to those living in the library's service area. In most areas, borrowing privileges are granted on the spot. Some libraries may require some form of identification, proof of residency or the signature of a guardian.

Snoopy is Honorary Chair for Library Card Sign-up Month 2015!

Snoopy, the world-famous beagle has been known as The Flying Ace, The Masked Marvel, Man's Best Friend, and the Literary Ace, among other personas; this fall he makes his star turn when he comes to the big screen in *The Peanuts Movie* from 20th Century Fox and Blue Sky Studios. In September, he's especially proud to serve as Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month.

Peanuts is syndicated in over 2000 newspapers worldwide, and is translated into 21 languages. Celebrating 65 years of making us laugh, Snoopy, Charlie Brown, and the whole Peanuts Gang can be found in publications from Simon and Schuster, Abrams Comic Arts, Running Press, Andrews McMeel, and more.

Please note: Snoopy is a heavily licensed character. It's important to the Schulz family to maintain the integrity of Charles Schulz's vision for the characters. We have licensing rights only for the items featured below and products available from ALA Graphics. We have just received permission to use two Snoopy images on library cards through December 31, 2016. More information about this opportunity will be available soon.

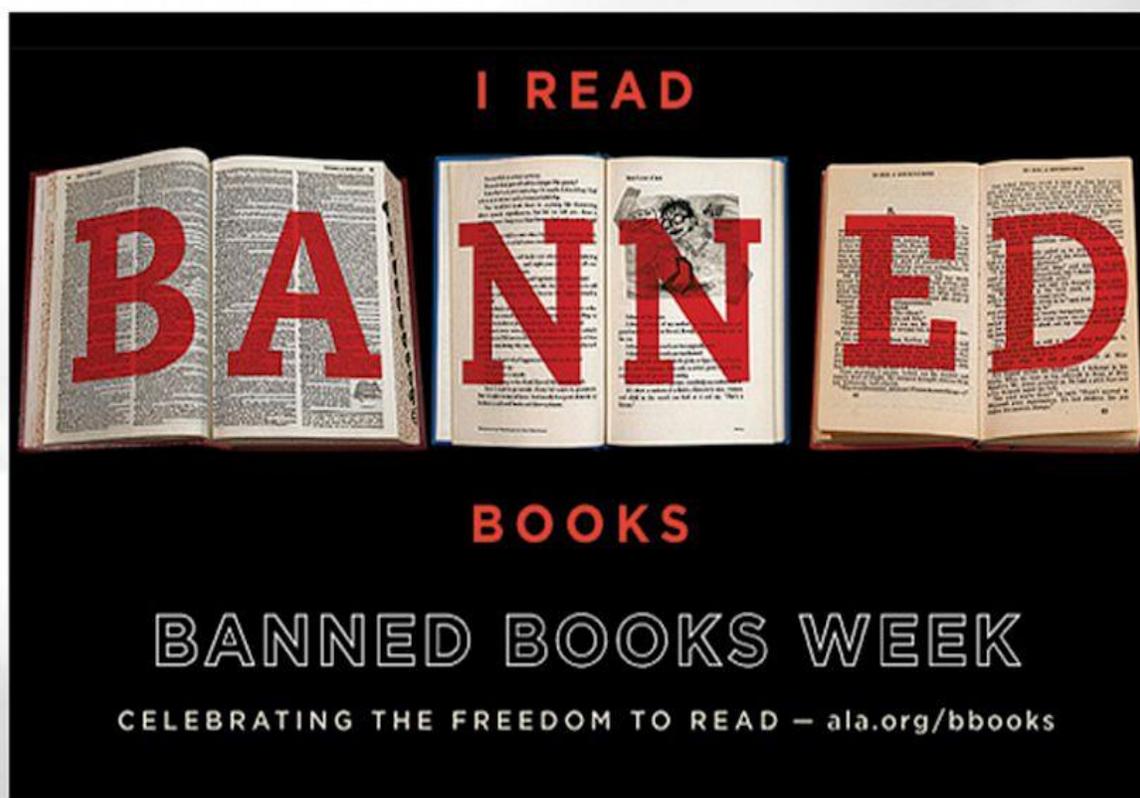
www.ala.org

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read

September 27–October 3, 2015

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community -- librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types -- in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

For more information on getting involved with Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read, please see [Ideas and Resources](#), [Calendar of Events](#), and the new [Banned Books Week site](#). You can also contact the ALA [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4220, or bbw@ala.org



*SAVE THE DATE:
September 2015 Lunch & Learn!!!*

Wednesday, September 23rd

12:00 pm

or

1:00 pm

Topic:

Topic to be announced!

Menu:

Subway Subs

Dessert to be announced

Be sure to reserve your lunch with Robert Mazur by email or phone by
Monday, September 21st!

rmazur@bladenco.org

or Call: 910-862-6996

*Please continue to submit your activity logs to Sandra Cain for the M.A.R.C.H.
Program!

Contact at 910-872-7852 for questions or more activity logs.

Marianne Valentiner
Health Educator/Safe Kids Bladen County
Bladen County Health Department
300 Mercer Mill Road/P.O. Box 189

SEPTEMBER 2015

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

SEPTEMBER 1 - 8:15 AM PRAYER SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 3 - [BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY TIME 10 AM 7 3:30 PM](#)

BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS NO-COST BUSINESS SEMINARS (EVERY THURSDAY IN SEPTEMBER)
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S STORY-TELLING EVENT WITH MS. LYNDA, 6:30 PM](#)

SEPTEMBER 5 - "PLANET EART" VIEWING, JONES LAKE VISITOR CENTER, 8 PM CALL RANGER JOHN PRIVETTE
FOR MORE INFO. 910-588-4550

SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 8 - BLADEN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS MEET, MCDUFFIE LIBRARY,
POWELL-MELVIN AG. CENTER, 8AM, ADDITIONAL INFO CALL, 910-862-3179, OPT 3

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, 6:30 PM

BLADEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, BOE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 6PM

SEPTEMBER 10 - BLADEN COUNTY FIRE ASSN., EAST ARCADIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

"INCREASE YOUR CREDIT SCORE FOR A BUSINESS LOAN", BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM,
CALL 910-879-5572 TO REGISTER

SEPTEMBER 11 - 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY, COURTHOUSE LAWN, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 12 - EAST ARCADIA SENIOR CITIZEN'S DINNER, PLEASE UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
EAST ARCADIA, 5:00 PM; DUBLIN PEANUT FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT, DUBLIN ELEMENTARY, 7PM

TRIATHLONS @ WHITE LAKE, 7AM 1.2-MILE SWIM, 56-MILE BIKE 7 13.1-MILE RUN.

8:30 AM THE WHITE LAKE FALL INTERNATIONAL 2015 WILL CONSIST OF A 1,500 METER SWIM, A 45K BIKE & 10K
RUN

SEPTEMBER 13 - WHITE LAKE FALL SPRINT 2015 WILL CONSIST OF A 750-METER RUN, 14-MILE BIKE & 5K RUN.
ALL EVENTS AT THE FFA CAMP CONTACT WWW.SETUPEVENTS.COM

GRANDPARENTS DAY

#DoSomethingGrand for #GrandparentsDay!

www.grandparentsday.org

SEPTEMBER 15 - BLADEN COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEETS, 9AM, ELIZABETH TOWN PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

BLADEN COUNTY CHAPTER OF NAACP MEETS, 6PM, FOCUS BUILDING, MLK DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 17 - "STARTING A GROUP HOME", BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, CALL 910-
879-5572 TO REGISTER

SEPTEMBER 19 - DUBLIN PEANUT FESTIVAL & PARADE

SEPTEMBER 21 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 23 - SEE YOU AT THE POLE, GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER, 7AM NATIONWIDE

REGIONAL WATER CONFERENCE, SOUTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL EVENTS CENTER, LUMBERTON, SPON-
SORED BY LRCOG, 9AM - 3PM

SEPTEMBER 23 - LUNCH & LEARN

SEPTEMBER 24 - "HOW TO START A BUSINESS FOR UNDER \$100", BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1:00 PM -
3:00 PM, CALL 910-879-5572 TO REGISTER

SEPTEMBER 26 - NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY SEPTEMBER 27 - BANNED BOOKS WEEK BEGINS