

# TEAM BLADEN

October 2016  
Bladen County  
Government Newsletter

## 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: David Howard

DSS: Vickie Smith

Economic Development:

Chuck Heustess

Elections: Cynthia Shaw

Emergency Services:

Bradley Kinlaw

EMS: David Howell, Jr.

Extension: Sandra Cain

Finance: Lisa Coleman

Human Resources: Shonteia Keaton

Library: Kelsey Edwards

Operations: David "Kip" McClary

Planning: Greg Elkins

Recreation: Grant Pait

Register of Deeds:

Beverly Parks

Revenue: Renee Davis

Senior Services: Joan Allen

Soil & Water: Dean Morris

Sheriff: James McVicker

Water: Randy Garner



# NO PHOTO ID NEEDED TO VOTE

**SOME FIRST-TIME VOTERS MAY BE ASKED TO  
PRESENT EITHER PHOTO OR NON-PHOTO ID**

**(ex. bank statement, utility bill, or other government document)**

# EVERY VOTE COUNTS



Approved by the NC State Board of Elections

As of 09-08-2016

Bladen County Early Voting Schedule

November 8, 2016 General Election

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>
Bladen County Public Library In Lieu of Bladen County Board of Election Office	111 N. Cypress St.	Elizabethtown

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
Thursday	October 20	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Friday	October 21	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Saturday	October 22	Closed	0
Sunday	October 23	Closed	0
Monday	October 24	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Tuesday	October 25	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Wednesday	October 26	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Thursday	October 27	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Friday	October 28	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Saturday	October 29	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	4.0
Sunday	October 30	Closed	0
Monday	October 31	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Tuesday	November 1	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Wednesday	November 2	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Thursday	November 3	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Friday	November 4	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	8.5
Saturday	November 5	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	4.0
		<b>Total Hrs.</b>	<b>110</b>

**Bladen County**

**Additional Sites**

Lions Club Building	120 2nd St.	Dublin
Historical Building	818 South Main St.	Bladenboro
East Arcadia Town Hall	1516 East Arcadia Rd	Riegelwood

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
Thursday	October 20	2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	5
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Saturday	November 5	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	4
		<b>Total Hrs.</b>	<b>68</b>
		<b>X 3 Sites</b>	<b>204</b>
		<b>Grand Total Hrs. for all Sites</b>	<b>314</b>

**U PICK GRAPES - READY NOW!!!**

Mon.-Sat. 10am-6pm

Sunday 1pm-6pm

**Grape Stoppin' Good Time!!!**

# **NC Grape Festival**

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**  
**8:00am to 3:00pm**



**\*\*\* Community Yard Sale - Clean out your attic, closets, barns or bring any business overstock items you would like to clear out - Call for a free yard sale or vendor space at 910-866-5819**

**SPACE IS FREE & SETUP BEGINS AT 6:00am**



**\*\*\* Grape Stomp Competition**

**\*\*\* Entertainment on Doc's Deck**



**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF GREAT FAMILY FUN & ENTERTAINMENT!!!**

**Lu Mil Vineyard - Dublin, NC**

**910-866-5819 [www.lumilvineyard.com](http://www.lumilvineyard.com)**

# SAVE THE DATE!!!



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



**When: Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at 9:00 am.**

**Where: Bladen County Industrial Park, Elizabethtown, NC**

**\*Race day registration starts at 7:30am.**

**-Individual Registration \$20-**

**-Child Registration (children must be 12 and under) \$15 each-**

**Register early to reserve your t-shirts!**

**For more information contact Bob Mundy at:**

**910-876-3720**

Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/CrazyFun5KColorRunWalk>

All proceeds benefit the United Way of Bladen County!

\*This event is in cooperation with Bladen County 4-H

**10th Annual**

**The  
Beast  
of**



**BLADENBORO**  
**BeastFest**  
BOOST THE 'BORO INC.

**Join The Fun!**



**Southeastern Cruisers Car Show**  
**Arts & Crafts**  
**Camel & Pony Rides**  
**Entertainment All Day**  
**Fun Times Amusement Rides**  
**Collard Sandwiches & More!**

**Trunk-or-Treat**  
**Saturday 5-7pm**

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST**

**4 CATEGORIES:**

**BIRTH - 2 YEARS OLD**  
**3 YEARS OLD - 6 YEARS OLD**  
**7 YEARS OLD - 9 YEARS OLD**  
**10 YEARS OLD - 12 YEARS OLD**

**WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY • ONE OVERALL WINNER**  
**CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES AWARDED**



**Friday, Oct. 28th, 6pm-10pm**  
**Saturday, October 29th, 10am-10pm**

**Contact Charles Ray Peterson For Details 910-876-0297**  
**[www.boosttheboro.org](http://www.boosttheboro.org)**

## **NORTH CAROLINA DRIVERS NO LONGER HAVE TO RETAKE ROAD SIGN TEST TO RENEW DRIVERS LICENSE**

RALEIGH, N.C. – Drivers in North Carolina will no longer have to retake a test on identification of road signs in order to renew their license, according to NCDOT.

The policy is part of Governor Pat McCrory’s “Driving Change” initiative to increase efficiency and to improve customer service at drivers license offices.

[The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles](#) will continue to require sign and symbol testing as part of obtaining the initial North Carolina driver license.

Vision testing will be conducted only as part of a required in-person, in-office license renewal.

The policy change applies to the renewal of regular Class A, B and C driver licenses and is a result of House Bill 959, which was enacted during the 2016 session of the General Assembly.

“We hope the change will help to streamline the issuance process and complement our other efforts to reduce wait and service times across the state,” said DMV Commissioner Kelly J. Thomas.

<http://wtkr.com/2016/09/07/north-carolina-drivers-wont-have-to-retake-road-sign-test-to-renew-drivers-license/>

## **Lower Cape Fear Hospice No Cost workshop offers children support with the death of a loved one**

WILMINGTON – Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a free grief workshop, Kids, Teens and Grief, from 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at its Bladen County office, 116 W. Broad St. in Elizabethtown. To register, call 910-515-6689. When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number and indicate the program you wish to attend. No cost but donations are appreciated. Grief workshops will be offered the second Tuesday of each month through December at LCFH's Bladen County office. Each will focus on a specific aspect of grief and the grieving process.

“The death of a loved one is difficult for everyone, and children feel the loss strongly,” said Melissa Rogers, Lower Cape Fear Hospice bereavement counselor. “Because children and teens understand death differently from adults, their reactions may be different. Some of the things they say or do may seem puzzling. This workshop reviews how children grieve and how parents and other caring adults can help them understand death better. It offers suggestions for helping children cope with death and grief.”

Additional groups and programs will be offered throughout the year. Grief counseling services are available to all.

<http://www.bladenonline.com/lower-cape-fear-hospice-no-cost-workshop-offers-children-support-with-the-death-of-a-loved-one/>

## **NC Grape Festival has a day full of activities for Bladen and surrounding counties**

DUBLIN, NC – The annual NC Grape Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 from 8am to 3pm at Lu Mil Vineyard. There will be a Super Yard Sale with FREE booth spaces (call 910-866-5819), Grape Stomp Competition, Entertainment on Doc's Deck, Vineyard Tours on the Double Decker Bus and Free Wine Tasting. Join us for a day of great family fun & entertainment!

Lu Mil Vineyard is located at 438 Suggs-Taylor Road, Elizabethtown NC 28337. For more information, visit us at [www.lumilvineyard.com](http://www.lumilvineyard.com) or call 910-866-5819.

<http://www.lumilvineyard.com/index.html>

## NO-COST BUSINESS SEMINARS OFFERED AT BCC



DUBLIN – The Small Business Center (SBC) of Bladen Community College is offering several no-cost seminars during the month of October.

Faith based organizations and non-profits will be interested in these Saturday seminars. The Business Side of Operating a Faith Based Organization is offered on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. on the BCC main campus in building 2, room 207. It will be immediately followed by Parliamentary Procedure Made Easy, scheduled from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Entrepreneurs' Academy continues to meet on the main campus on Wednesdays with the remaining four seminars scheduled from 4 until 6 p.m. Workshops meet in building 2, room 202. The series will meet on the following dates:

- 10/05 – Basics of Bookkeeping
- 10/19 – Financing Your Business
- 10/26 – Business Taxes
- 11/02 – How to Write a Business Plan

Preparing Your Perfect Pitch is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 24, from 2 until 4 p.m. in building 2, room 207, on the main campus.

The Bladen County Public Library will be hosting How to Start/Expand a Cleaning Service on Tuesday, October 11, from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the 111 N. Cypress Street location in Elizabethtown.

Intro to Quickbooks for Business – Part 2 is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., at the East Arcadia Center.

All seminars are open to the public and provided at no charge due to special funding arrangements for the Small Business Center and Bladen Community College.

To register for any of the seminars or for more information, contact Todd Lyden, Small Business Center Director, at [910-879-5572](tel:910-879-5572) or register online: <https://www.ncsbc.net/center.aspx?center=75040>



# OCTOBER

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic violence is best understood as a pattern of abusive behaviors—including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks as well as economic coercion—used by one intimate partner against another (adult or adolescent) to gain, maintain, or regain power and control in the relationship. Batterers use of a range of tactics to frighten, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, often injure, and sometimes kill a current or former intimate partner.

- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime to the point in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.
- On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- Women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.
- 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon.
- Domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behavior.
- Only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.



**TAKE A  
STAND  
AGAINST  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE**



Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month



## What is breast cancer?

Breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast divide and grow without their normal control.

Tumors in the breast tend to grow slowly. By the time a lump is large enough to feel, it may have been growing for as long as 10 years. (Some tumors are aggressive and grow much faster.)

Between 50-75 percent of breast cancers begin in the milk ducts, about 10-15 percent begin in the lobules and a few begin in other breast tissues

## Statistics

In 2016, it is estimated that among U.S. women there will be 52:

- 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer (This includes new cases of primary breast cancer among survivors, but not recurrence of original breast cancer among survivors.)
- 61,000 new cases of in situ breast cancer (This includes ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) and lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS). Of those, about 83 percent will be DCIS. DCIS is a non-invasive breast cancer and LCIS is a condition that increases the risk of invasive breast cancer. Learn more about [DCIS](#) and [LCIS](#).)
- 40,450 breast cancer death

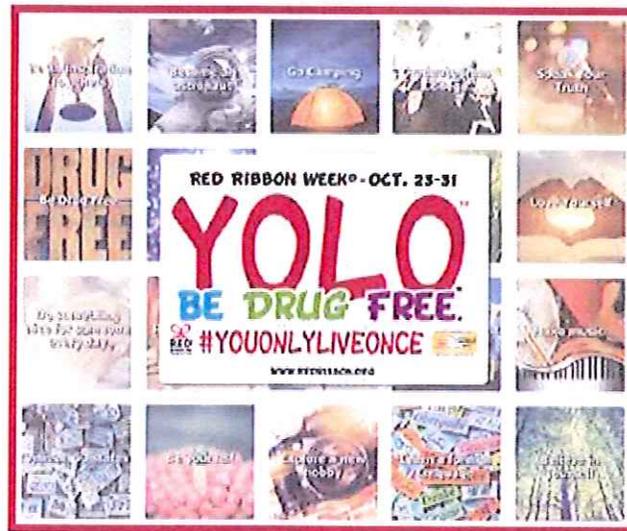
Breast cancer survival depends on a person's diagnosis and treatment. A main factor in survival is breast cancer stage.

Non-invasive (stage 0) and early stage invasive breast cancers (stages I and II) have a better chance of survival than later stage cancers (stages III and IV).

## Measures of survival

There are different measures of survival including overall survival, relative survival and population survival. It is important to understand the differences between these measures when you see a survival rate.

# 2016 RED RIBBON THEME



**The Red Ribbon Campaign® is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.**

## WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK?

It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, October 23 - 31<sup>st</sup>.

## WHY?

The Red Ribbon Campaign® was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG - FREE AMERICA.

## WHO?

National Family Partnership is the sponsor of the National Red Ribbon Week® Celebration. We are helping citizens across the country come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free, through parent training, networking and sponsoring the National Red Ribbon Campaign®.

## WHY SUPPORT THE NATIONAL THEME?

A theme unifies each year's campaign and helps to broadcast one message, creating a tipping point to change behavior.

## HOW?

Plan a Red Ribbon celebration. Order and display Red Ribbon materials with the National Red Ribbon Theme. Proceeds from the sale of Red Ribbon theme merchandise helps support prevention programs across America. Order for your family, students, staff, patients, employees and customers and encourage them to wear the red ribbon symbol during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NATIONAL  
FAMILY  
PARTNERSHIP**

**The proud Sponsors of the National Red Ribbon Campaign®**

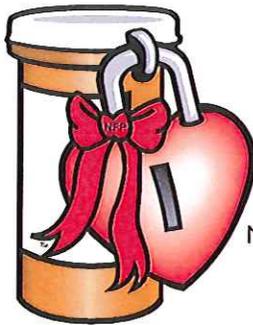
For more information visit us at  
[www.nfp.org](http://www.nfp.org) and [www.redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org)



# Did You Know ?

**66% of Children Who Abuse Prescription Drugs  
Get Them From Family Or Friends.**

*Review the following guidelines for prescription drug abuse prevention and discuss them with family & friends.*



**LOCK  
YOUR  
MEDS®**  
National Family Partnership

## **LOCK YOUR MEDS**

Every day, more children begin experimenting with prescription drugs.<sup>2</sup> Sixty-six percent of those who have abused pain medication say they get the medication from friends and family.<sup>3</sup> Prevent your children from abusing your own medication by securing your meds in places your child cannot access.

## **TAKE INVENTORY**

Download your Home Medicine Inventory Card at [www.lockyourmeds.org](http://www.lockyourmeds.org), write down the name and amount of medications you currently have and regularly check to see that nothing is missing.

## **EDUCATE YOURSELF & YOUR CHILD**

Learn about the most commonly abused types of prescription medications (pain relievers, sedatives, stimulants and tranquilizers). Then, communicate the dangers to your child regularly; once is not enough.

## **SET CLEAR RULES & MONITOR BEHAVIOR**

Express your disapproval of using prescription drugs without a prescription. Monitor your child's behavior to ensure that the rules are being followed.

## **PASS IT ON**

Share your knowledge, experience and support with the parents of your child's friends. Together, you can create a tipping point for change and raise safe, healthy and drug-free children.

## **PROPERLY DISPOSE OF OLD AND UNUSED MEDICATIONS**

For guidelines on safe and proper disposal of medications, visit [www.lockyourmeds.org](http://www.lockyourmeds.org).

## **TAKE ACTION**

**DOWNLOAD AN INVENTORY CARD**

Keep your children safe by monitoring your medicine cabinet.

**SIGN AN E-PLEDGE**

Take a stand.

[www.lockyourmeds.org](http://www.lockyourmeds.org)

She gets her hair  
from her mom.

Her eyes from her dad.

And her drugs  
from her grandma's  
medicine cabinet.

66% of people 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs get them from family or friends. Prevent your children from abusing your own medication by securing your meds in places your child cannot access.

**BE AWARE. DON'T SHAME.™  
LOCK YOUR MEDS.™**

For more information, go to [www.lockyourmeds.org](http://www.lockyourmeds.org)



**Halloween**



**KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2016  
11AM-12PM**

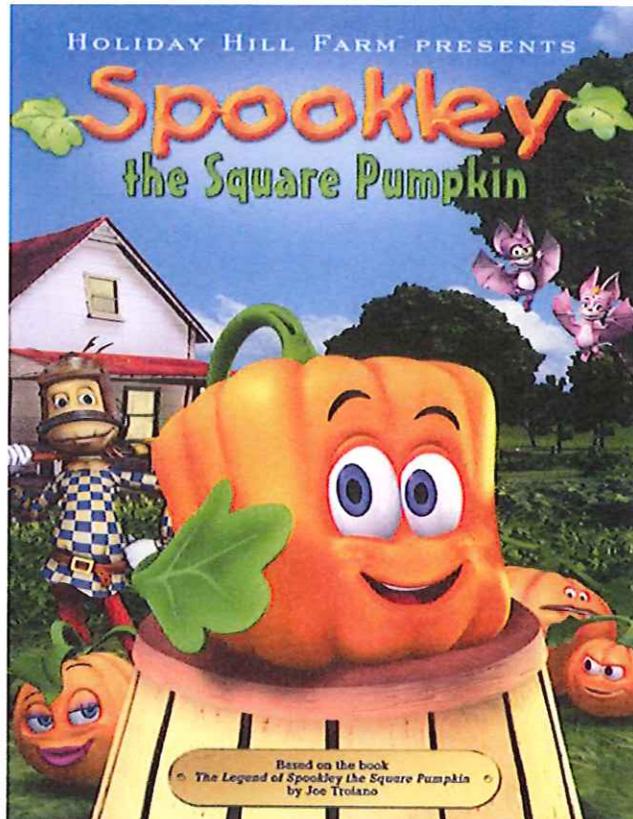
**BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MAIN BRANCH**

**COME DRESSED FOR TRICKS AND TREATS**

**PLEASE CALL AND REGISTER  
BY OCTOBER 13TH  
910-862-6990**



**COME SEE US IN YOUR HALLOWEEN  
COSTUME FOR A SPECIAL STORY TIME!**



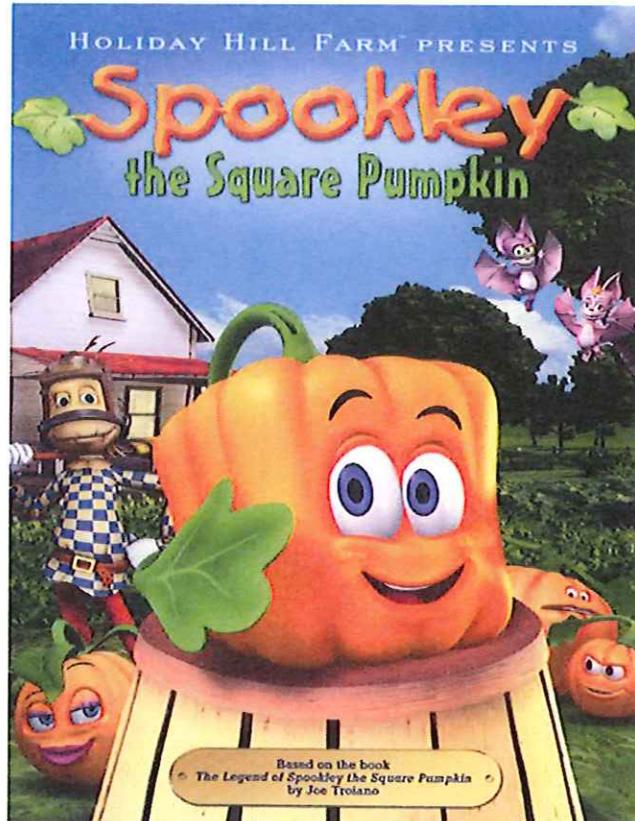
**CHILDREN CAN COME DRESSED IN THEIR COSTUMES. WE WILL BE READING  
"SPOOKLEY THE SQUARE PUMPKIN", WATCHING A SHORT FILM, AND DOING A  
CRAFT. WE WILL ALSO HAVE REFRESHMENTS TO ENJOY WHILE SHOWING  
THE MOVIE. PLEASE CALL OR COME IN TO SIGN UP! 910-863-4586**

**BRIDGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MONDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
5:30 PM -7:00 PM**





**COME SEE US IN YOUR HALLOWEEN  
COSTUME FOR A SPECIAL STORY TIME!**



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**CLARKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
5:30 PM -7:00 PM**





October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Auction Fundraiser, White Lake (to benefit Southeastern Carolina Crossroads)
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:00am - Prayer Service  6:30pm - Board of Commissioners Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Barbeque Plate Sale, Bladenboro, (to benefit Southeastern Carolina Crossroads)
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6pm - BCC Foundation "Seafood & Sunset", Camp Clearwater  7pm - Bladen Fire Association, Bladenboro Fire Dept.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00am - United Way's 5K Crazy Color Run & Walk, Bladen Co Industrial Park
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30pm - Board of Commissioners Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Lumber River Council of Governments Annual Meeting, SE NC Agriculture Center, Lumberton	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am-10pm Bladenboro's Beast Fest
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

Happy

Fall

Y'all

