



TEAM BLADEN

February 2016
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

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February is American Heart Month



This **American Heart Month**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Million Hearts –a national effort to prevent 1 million **heart attacks** and **strokes** in the United States by 2017—are encouraging Americans to know their blood pressure, and if it's high, to **make control their goal**.

Uncontrolled high blood pressure is a leading cause of **heart disease** and **stroke**. In fact, more than 67 million Americans have **high blood pressure**.¹ People with high blood pressure are 4 times more likely to die from a stroke and 3 times more likely to die from heart disease, compared to those with normal blood pressure.²

High blood pressure often shows no signs or symptoms, which is why having your blood pressure checked regularly is important. It's easy to get your blood pressure checked. You can get screened at your doctor's office and drugstores or even check it yourself at home, using a home blood pressure monitor.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/heartmonth/>



Fight the No. 1 Killer of Women

HEART DISEASE

During American Heart Month

The facts are clear. More women die of heart disease than all forms of cancer combined.
Uncover the truth and make ending heart disease a reality.

Make Control Your Goal

If you know you have high blood pressure, take these steps to help get it under control:

- **Ask your doctor what your blood pressure should be.** Set a goal to lower your pressure with your doctor and talk about how you can reach your goal. Work with your health care team to make sure you meet that goal. Track your blood pressure over time.
- **Take your blood pressure medicine as directed.** Set a timer on your phone to remember to take your medicine at the same time each day. If you are having trouble taking your medicines on time or paying for your medicines, or if you are having side effects, ask your doctor for help.
- **Quit smoking—and if you don't smoke, don't start.** You can find tips and resources at CDC's Smoking and Tobacco Website.
- **Reduce sodium intake.** Most Americans consume too much sodium, which can raise blood pressure. Read about ways to reduce your sodium and visit the Million Hearts[®] Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Resource Center (<http://recipes.millionhearts.hhs.gov/>) for heart-healthy, lower-sodium recipes, meal plans, and helpful articles.

African American Men: Take Note

While heart disease doesn't discriminate, your gender, race, ethnicity, and where you live can increase your risk. African American men are at the highest risk for heart disease. About 2 in 5 African Americans have high blood pressure, but only half have it under control.³ A recent article in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* also showed that Americans aged 30 to 74 who live the Southeast—specifically, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia—are at higher risk of developing heart disease over the next 10 years than people who live in other parts of the country.⁴ Many of these states have a large African American population.

Man to Man: Heart to Heart

Roosevelt, a long-time smoker, had a heart attack at age 45. He endured six surgeries, including heart bypass surgery to fix the damage to his heart caused by smoking. Now smoke-free, Roosevelt encourages others to quit smoking as a way to reduce their risk of heart disease. "A heart attack feels like a hand inside squeezing your heart," he said. "It's like the worst Charley horse you can imagine—in your heart."

About 1 in 5 African American adults smokes cigarettes.⁵ CDC's *Tips From Former Smokers* campaign recently shined a spotlight on this statistic and the links between smoking and heart disease among African American men.

"If you have loved ones who care about you, they will support you. Take it one day at a time," Roosevelt said.

This approach can work not only for people who want to quit smoking, but for those who are trying to eat better, exercise, and control their high blood pressure—all ways to help reduce the chances of heart attack and stroke. A strong support system: (http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/Docs/TipSheet_LovedOne_AA.pdf) also helps.

Resources to Help You and Your Loved Ones Make Control the Goal

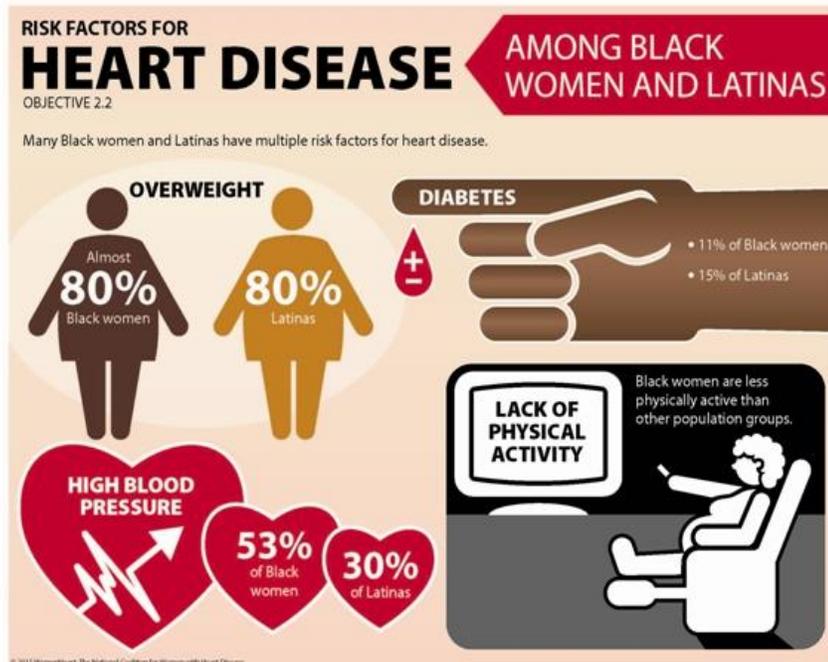
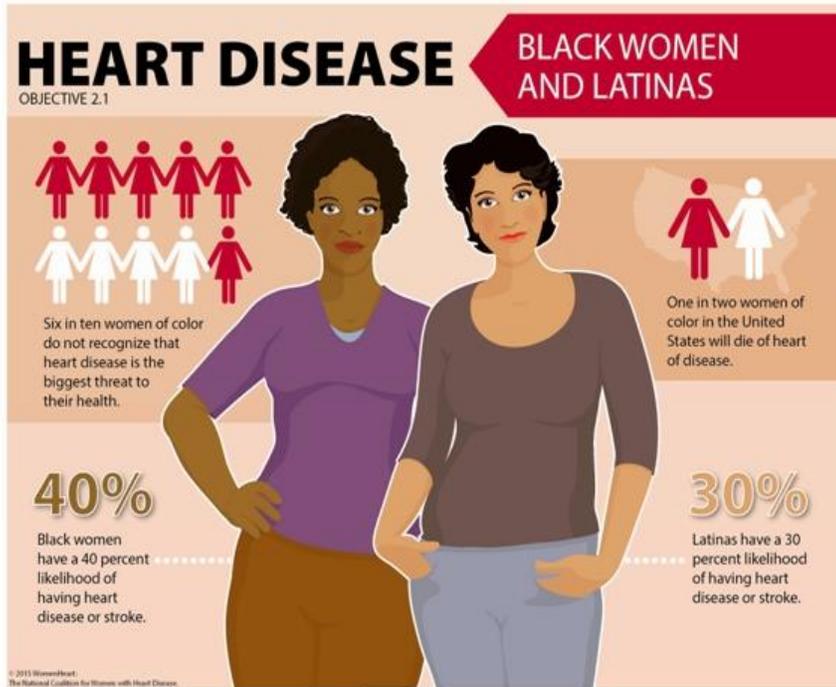
More information about high blood pressure is available at CDC's High Blood Pressure website. In addition, the following resources are available to help you and your loved ones make control *your* goal:

- High Blood Pressure: How to Make Control Your Goal (http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/Docs/TipSheet_How_to_MCTG_AA.pdf)
- Supporting Your Loved Ones With High Blood Pressure: (http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/Docs/TipSheet_LovedOne_AA.pdf)
- African Americans Heart Disease and Stroke Fact Sheet (http://www.cdc.gov/dhdsp/data_statistics/fact_sheets/fs_aa.htm)

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/heartmonth/>

Empower Yourself and Take Charge of Your Heart Health

Did you know that African American women and Hispanic women are at increased risk for heart disease? African American women have an estimated 40% chance of having heart disease or stroke, while Hispanic women have a 30% likelihood of having heart disease or stroke.



LET'S UNITE TO PREVENT HEART DISEASE AND STROKE!



HEART DISEASE AND STROKE KILL 1 IN 3 WOMEN

More than all cancers combined. Our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends are at risk. Funds raised by Go Red support educational programs to increase women's awareness about their risk for heart disease and stroke as well as critical research to discover scientific knowledge about cardiovascular health.

JOIN US IN THE FIGHT AND DONATE TODAY!



Join Reid Heart Center in

National Wear Red Day[®]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016

National Wear Red Day — the first Friday each February — is our special day to bring attention to this staggering fact. We encourage everyone to wear red, raise their voices, know their cardiovascular risk and take action to live longer, healthier lives.

A Decade of Success

Since the first National Wear Red Day in 2003, we've made tremendous strides in the fight against heart disease and stroke in women. Through research and education to healthy lifestyle changes, we're proud that:

- Nearly 90% have made at least one healthy behavior change.
 - More than one-third has lost weight.
 - More than 50% have increased their exercise.
 - 6 out of 10 have changed their diets.
 - More than 40% have checked their cholesterol levels.
 - One third has talked with their doctors about developing heart health plans.
 - Today, nearly 300 fewer women die from heart disease and stroke each day
- Death in women has decreased by more than 30 percent over the past 10 years.**

More Work is Crucial

Yet, with all these successes, 1 in 3 women die of heart disease and stroke each year,. But what's more powerful? Millions of mothers, sisters, daughters and friends making a change.

More than ever, your financial contributions help save women's lives. Funds raised by Go Red support educational programs to increase women's awareness about their risk for heart disease and stroke as well as critical research to discover scientific knowledge about cardiovascular health.

We deeply appreciate all of your support. We wouldn't be where we are without you. But we have more to accomplish.

Get involved. Go Red by telling other women that 1 in 3 women die of heart disease and stroke, yet it is 80% preventable. Make a change.

LET'S UNITE TO PREVENT HEART DISEASE AND STROKE.

<https://www.goredforwomen.org/wearredday-about/>

NC VOTER ID

“BE SEEN. BE HEARD.”

Beginning in 2016, most North Carolina voters will be required to show an acceptable Photo ID when voting in person at the polls.

Acceptable forms of photo ID include:

- N.C. driver's license (may be expired up to 4 years)
- North Carolina ID card issued by DMV (may be expired up to 4 years)
- U.S. passport (unexpired)
- Military or Veterans ID (unexpired, if there is an expiration date)
- Tribal ID from a federally or state recognized tribe
- Out-of-state driver's license (only valid if voter registration occurred within 90 days of the election)

North Carolina voters who do not already have an acceptable ID can get one from the DMV.

GETTING YOUR FREE NC DMV ID CARD

STEP 1: Gather the documents and information you will need:

1. Two documents that prove your age and identity (birth certificate, voter registration card, or tax forms).
2. One document to prove your North Carolina residency (lease, voter registration card, or utility bill).
3. Your social security number.

STEP 2: Bring these items to any DMV drivers license office or DMV mobile unit, and be sure to say you are there for your free NC Identification Card.

NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have special needs or circumstances, are having difficulty getting the documents you need, or can't get to a DMV office, help is available. Please visit www.voterid.nc.gov or call 1-866-522-4723.

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in Bladen County to vote on the candidates for the following offices:

US President (Rep)

US President (Dem)

US President (Lib)

US Senate (Rep)

US Senate (Dem)

US House of Representatives District 07 (Rep)

NC Governor (Rep)

NC Governor (Dem)

NC Lieutenant Governor (Dem)

NC Attorney General (Rep)

NC Attorney General (Dem)

NC Commissioner of Agriculture (Rep)

NC Commissioner of Insurance (Rep)

NC Commissioner of Labor (Dem)

NC Secretary of State (Rep)

NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (Rep)

NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (Dem)

NC Treasurer (Dem)

NC House of Representatives District 022 (Dem)

County-Wide Commissioner (Dem)

County Commissioner District 1 (Dem)

County Commissioner District 3 (Dem)

Board of Education District 1 (Dem)

Board of Education District 2 (Dem)

Connect NC Public Improvement Bond

Unfortified Wine Election/White Lake Municipality

Malt Beverage Election/White Lake Municipality

Bladen County Sales and Use Tax

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

Most voters will be asked to present acceptable photo identification when presenting to vote in person at the polls, with exceptions for voters who are unable to obtain acceptable photo identification, have a religious objection to being photographed, or are victims of a natural disaster. The acceptable forms of photo identification are a NC Driver's License or DMV-issued Identification Card (expired up to four years), US Passport or Passport Card (unexpired), Military ID Card or Veterans Affairs ID Card (unexpired, if there is an expiration date), and certain Tribal Enrollment Cards. **VOTERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ONE OF THESE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION MAY STILL VOTE IF THEIR INABILITY IS DUE TO A REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT** such as a lost or stolen ID, lack of transportation, illness or disability, a lack of proper documents, work schedule, and others. These voters may vote a provisional ballot after completing a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and providing an alternate form of identification or the last four digits of their social security number and their date of birth. Acceptable alternate forms of identification for voters who complete a Reasonable Impediment Declaration include their voter registration card or a current utility bill, paycheck, government check, bank statement, or other government document bearing the voter's name and current address. Alternative voting options are available for voters who do not present acceptable photo identification for a reason other than a reasonable impediment to obtaining one.

Voters who use curbside voting may also present one of the alternative forms of identification described above. No identification is required to vote an absentee ballot by mail. Free Identification Cards for registered voters are available from the NC DMV. For

The one-stop early voting will be held at the following locations and times:

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| Bladen County Public Library in "Lieu of BOE" | 111 N. Cypress St. Elizabethtown, NC 28337 |
| East Arcadia Town | 1516 East Arcadia Road, Riegelwood, NC 28456 |
| Historical Building | 818 S. Main St., Bladenboro, NC 28320 |
| Lions Club Building | 120 2 nd St., Dublin, NC 28332 |
| Thursday, March 3, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, March 4, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, March 5, 2016 | 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. (except Library will be 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) |
| Monday, March 7, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 8, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, March 9, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, March 10, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, March 11, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, March 12, 2016 | 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Last Day |

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

Canvass Day will be held in the Bladen County Board of Elections office on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Mail Absentee Ballots are allowed. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on a State Board of Elections Absentee Request Form, available at the Bladen County Board of Elections office or on our web site. Completed forms must be received in the Bladen County Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Bladen County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

All residents of **Bladen** who are registered to vote with the **Bladen County** Board of Elections may vote in this election. **Voters who are previously registered need not re-register for this election. THOSE VOTERS WHO ARE REGISTERED UNAFFILIATED MAY VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION.** Unaffiliated voters will be given a choice of ballot at the polling places. Those residents of Bladen who are not registered to vote must register on or before **Friday, February 19, 2016** in order to be eligible to vote on Election Day. Those voters who are not registered may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change their party affiliation or who have changed their name or address must notify the Board of Elections in writing by Friday, February 19, 2016. Voters who fail to notify the Board of Elections of a change to their name or address must update their information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters who require assistance with casting their ballot are entitled to assistance by an appropriate person of their choice or an election official. Registration facilities and polling places are accessible to the elderly and handicapped. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not physically able to enter the polling place.

Persons with questions about registration, location of polling places, absentee ballots, early voting at One-Stop locations or other election matters may call the Bladen County Board of Elections Office at 910-862-6951 Monday thru Friday from 8:30 – 5:00.

Bobby Ludlum, Chairman

Presidential Candidates on the NC Primary Ballot

The State Board of Elections announced that 27 presidential candidates will appear on North Carolina's presidential primary ballot. The North Carolina Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. North Carolina law requires the order of names appearing on the primary ballot to be chosen by random selection. Below, in alphabetical order starting from the letter "H", are the names of Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian presidential candidates spelled as they will appear on the ballot.

Republicans

Mike Huckabee

John R. Kasich

Rand Paul

Marco Rubio

Rick Santorum

Donald J. Trump

Jeb Bush

Ben Carson

Chris Christie

Ted Cruz

Carly Fiorina

Jim Gilmore

Democrats

Martin J. O'Malley

Bernie Sanders

Hilary Clinton

Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente

Presidential Candidates on the NC Primary Ballot

Libertarians

John David Hale

Cecil Ince

Gary Johnson

Steven Elliot (Steve) Kerbel

Darryl W. Perry

Austin Petersen

Derrick Michael Reid

Jack B. Robinson, Jr.

Rhett Rosenquest Smith

Barbara Joy Waymire

Marc Allen Feldman

North Carolinians will head to the polls for a primary on March 15, though it has traditionally been held in May. The legislature passed a bill to shift the primary date and it was signed into law by Governor Pat McCrory last fall.

As we approach the March 15, 2016 primary, here are some important dates to keep in mind.

- Absentee voting began Monday, January 25.
- The regular voter registration deadline is Friday, February 19. Same-day registration is also available during the one-stop early voting period, subject to ongoing litigation.
- One-stop early voting runs Thursday, March 3 to Saturday, March 12 at 1 p.m.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections is the state agency charged with overall responsibility for administration of the elections process and campaign finance disclosure in North Carolina. The office of the State Board of Elections works in conjunction with County Board of Elections offices to ensure that elections are conducted lawfully and fairly.

For additional information visit North Carolina State Board of Elections website at www.ncsbe.gov

FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year. *(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)*

Executive and Legislative Documents

The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the [Public Laws, Presidential Proclamations and congressional resolutions](#) related to African American History Month.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, also known as **African-American History Month** in America, is an annual observance in the United States,

Negro History Week (1926)

The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study and Life of Negro History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week." This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which dates Black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.

From the event's initial phase, primary emphasis was placed on encouraging the coordinated teaching of the history of American blacks in the nation's public schools. The first Negro History Week was met with a lukewarm response, gaining the cooperation of the Departments of Education of the states of North Carolina, Delaware, and West Virginia as well as the city school administrations of Baltimore and Washington, D.C.. Despite this far from universal acceptance, the event was regarded by Woodson as "one of the most fortunate steps ever taken by the Association," and plans for a repeat of the event on an annual basis continued apace.

At the time of Negro History Week's launch, Woodson contended that the teaching of black history was essential to ensure the physical and intellectual survival of the race within broader society:

"If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated. The American Indian left no continuous record. He did not appreciate the value of tradition; and where is he today? The Hebrew keenly appreciated the value of tradition, as is attested by the Bible itself. In spite of world-wide persecution therefore, he is a great factor in our civilization."

By 1929 *The Journal of Negro History* was able to note that with only two exceptions, officials with the State Departments of Educations of "every state with considerable Negro population" had made the event known to that state's teachers and distributed official literature associated with the event." Churches also played a significant role in the distribution of literature in association with Negro History Week during this initial interval, with the mainstream and black press aiding in the publicity effort.

Negro History Week was met with enthusiastic response; it prompted the creation of black history clubs, an increase in interest among teachers, and interest from progressive whites. Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades, with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday.

Black History Month (1976)

The expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month was first proposed by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University, in February 1969. The first celebration of the Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, in February 1970.

In 1976 as part of the United States Bicentennial, the informal expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the U.S. government. President Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this, urging Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

United Kingdom (1987)

Black History Month was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987. It was organized through the leadership of Ghanaian analyst [Akyaba Addai-Sebo](#), who then served as a coordinator of special projects for the Greater London Council (GLC) and created a collaboration to get it underway. It was first celebrated in London and has become a national institution.^[3]

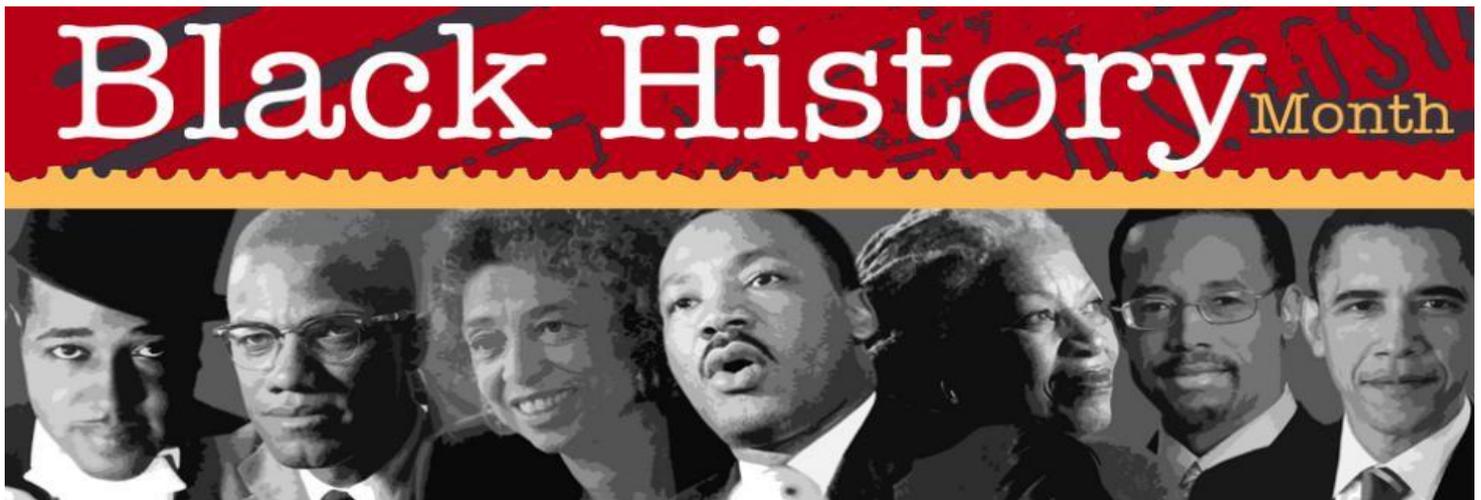
Canada (1995)

In 1995, after a motion by politician Jean Augustine, representing the riding of Etobicoke—Lakeshore in Ontario, Canada's House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month and honored Black Canadians. In 2008, Senator Donald Oliver moved to have the Senate officially recognize Black History Month, which was unanimously approved.

Criticism

Black History Month often sparks an annual debate about the continued usefulness and fairness of a designated month dedicated to the history of one race. Criticism include questions over whether it is appropriate to confine the celebration of black history to one month, as opposed to integration of black history into the mainstream education the rest of the year. Another criticism is that contrary to the original inspiration for Black History Month, which was a desire to redress the manner in which British schools failed to represent black historical figures as anything other than slaves or colonial subjects, Black History Month reduces complex historical figures to overly simplified objects of hero worship. Another criticism, usually leveled by whites, is that the celebration is racist.

Black celebrities such as black actor and director Morgan Freeman and black actress Stacey Dash have criticized Black History Month, with Freeman saying, "I don't want a black history month. Black history is American history." Freeman has argued that there was no White History Month, because white people did not want their history relegated to just one month.



AUDITIONS FOR PLAY TO BE HELD FEB. 6

A Bladen County author can now add playwright to her list of credentials. Marjorie “Shug” Lewis has completed writing her first play titled “The Sweet, Sweet Smell of Freedom” and is now preparing to hold auditions for roles.

Auditions are planned for Saturday, Feb. 6, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 103 East Broad Street, Elizabethtown. Lewis said there are roles available for ages 8 to 35 years old.

Lewis said that the process of writing the play took time.

“It took a year, on and off, to write the play,” said Lewis.

She said the idea for the play came from her two books –Pain No More and Pain No More 2. The books and play are based on Lewis’ experience as a survivor of domestic violence.

Lewis said the experience of writing the books and the play was cathartic.

“Even though I had healed prior to that, writing about it was more healing. It was like a burden had been lifted off of me,” said Lewis. “It was a chapter of my life that is finally closed. It was a good healing process.”

Lewis said that the process of writing was not easy. She said at times it was painful reliving the memories, but that knowing that her work could potentially help someone was comforting.

She added that she does not want anyone to be in an abusive situation and if they are, Lewis wants them to understand that they can leave the situation and there is help available.

Lewis said that when people learn about her ordeal dealing with domestic violence, they are surprised.

“People will tell me, ‘I never knew you went through that,’” said Lewis.

The play is set to be performed on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 at 3 p.m. in the Bladen Community College auditorium. Lewis anticipates tickets for the show will go on sale sometime in August.

For more information, contact Lewis at 910-729-9577.

BLADEN COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE SEVERAL EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The Bladen County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday night and recognized several employees for their years of service to the county.

Each employee was presented with a certificate, a county pin marking their years of service and then a reception was held in their honor.

Some employees were unable to attend the meeting.

Those present were:

- ** Tina Clark who works in the Finance Department was recognized for five years of service;
- ** Donna Parnell who works in the Bladen County Jail was recognized for five years of service to the county.
- ** Beth Singletary who works in the Health Department was recognized for 10 years of service to the county.
- ** Anna Johnson who also works in the Health Department was recognized for 15 years.
- ** Dorothy Zeiglar of the Bladen County Department of Social Services was recognized for 15 years of service.
- ** Deborah Storms who also works for Bladen County DSS was recognized for 20 years of service.

Not present were Mitchell Hester II of the Bladen County Sheriff's Office with five years of service; Kevin Hunsinger of the Bladen County Sheriff's Office with 20 years of service; Sonya Powers of the Bladen County Health Department with 10 years of service; Maxine Jessup of the Division on Aging with five years of service; Jannie Mason with the Bladen County Public Library with 15 years of service; Elizabeth Hines with the Bladen County Public Library with 20 years of service; Patty Luevanos with Bladen County EMS with 10 years of service; Brenda Burney with Bladen County DSS with 15 years of service; Kenny Hester with the Water Department with 20 years of service.

Following the presentations, the members of the audience as well as the employees recognized were invited to attend a reception.

<http://www.bladenonline.com/bladen-commissioners-recognize-several-employees-for-years-of-service/>

Kid's Valentine's Party!



*Join us for a Valentine's party!
We will read stories, make a craft
and exchange valentine cards 😊*

*Bridger Memorial Library
Monday February 8th, 2016
6:00 to 7:00 pm*

*Please call 910.863-4586 in advance
to sign up. Hope to see you there!*



*Books are for reading
Stories are too...*

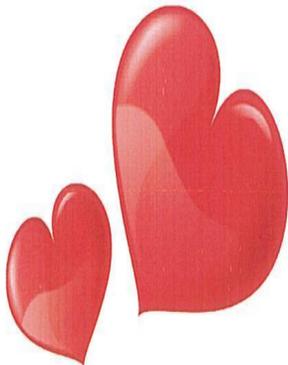


*Let's have a **Valentine Storytime**
just for you.*

*If you'd like to come join us,
here's what you should do:*

*Please sign up at the desk or call
on the phone.*

*We'll make a craft, eat a treat,
and share a story that's neat.*



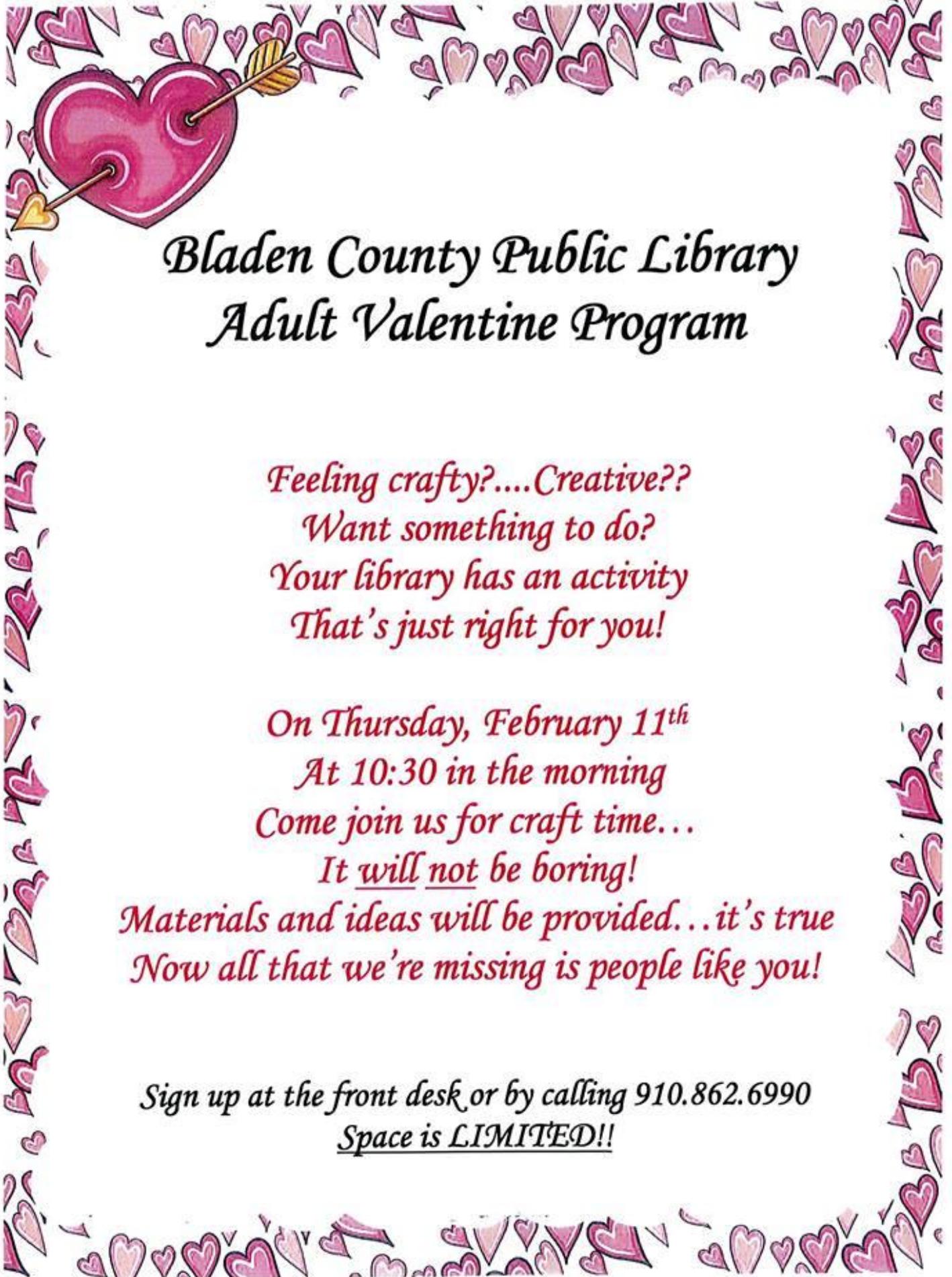
*Just tell us you're coming,
we'll save you a seat!*



Clarkton Public Library 910-647-3661.

February 9...6- 7 p.m.

(Please register before February 2, 2016)



Bladen County Public Library Adult Valentine Program

*Feeling crafty?....Creative??
Want something to do?
Your library has an activity
That's just right for you!*

*On Thursday, February 11th
At 10:30 in the morning
Come join us for craft time...
It will not be boring!*

*Materials and ideas will be provided...it's true
Now all that we're missing is people like you!*

*Sign up at the front desk or by calling 910.862.6990
Space is LIMITED!!*

KID'S VALENTINE PARTY



BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAIN BRANCH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL 910-862-6990 TO R.S.V.P.

A RESPONSIBLE GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY
MINORS TO THIS PROGRAM.

THIS EVENT IS FOR CHILDREN AGES 2 - 12

I pledge to wear red on Friday,
February 6, 2015



for women

love your heart

American Heart
Association®



#GoRed

To learn more, including heart healthy tips or to donate,
please visit: www.GoRedForWomen.org

FEBRUARY 2016

“AMERICAN HEART MONTH”

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

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

2 GROUNDHOG DAY

5 “GO RED FOR WOMEN” AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION DAY

8 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PLANNING SESSION, 5:30 P.M. POWELL-MELVING AG. CENTER;
BRIDGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY KID’S VALENTINE PARTY, 6 P.M.

9 CLARKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY KID’S VALENTINE PARTY, 6 P.M.

10 BLADEN COUNTY YOUNG FAMILIES CONNECT CAC MEETING, HEALTH DEPT. 12:30 PM

11 BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH ADULT VALENTINE PROGRAM, 10:30
A.M., BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH KID’S VALENTINE PARTY, 6 P.M.;
BLADEN FIRE ASSN. ASSOC.—LISBON FIRE DEPARTMENT, 7 P.M.

15 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, 6:30 P.M.; PRESIDENTS’ DAY

20 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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