



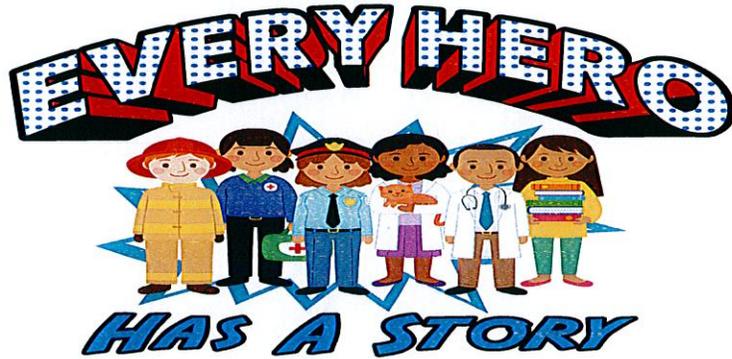
# TEAM BLADEN

JULY 2015  
Bladen County  
Government Newsletter

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## SUMMER READING 2015



### \*PROGRAM SCHEDULE\*

Mondays @ 3 PM

Bridger Memorial Library

Tuesdays @ 3 PM

Clarkton Library

Wednesdays @ 3PM

Elizabethtown Library

The North Carolina Zoo will host two special programs on

Thursday, July 30th at

3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the Elizabethtown Library.

This event is sponsored by Wal-Mart!

PLEASE CALL THE MAIN LIBRARY AT 910.862.6990 TO  
REGISTER FOR THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM IN ADVANCE!

*Prizes are also a part of Summer Reading and we will not disappoint! Every reader that completes a summer reading log (that's 150 minutes for kids and teens, 4 books for adults) will be entered into prize drawings!*

# “EVERY HERO HAS A STORY”

## 2015 Summer Reading Program Theme

Readers of all ages will explore all things underground this summer as Bladen County Public Library presents “Every Hero Has a Story” during their summer reading program. Activities include group games, art projects, science and engineering experiments and so much more. The 2015 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story times and more.

The purpose of summer reading is to combat summer learning loss. The objective of summer reading is to keep all of students engaged in reading throughout the summer break. Literacy involves *reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking*. Summer reading programs boost student achievement and encourage them to strive to become better readers and students. In fact, more kids partake in public library summer reading programs than play Little League baseball. Although summer reading programs began more than a century ago and more than 95 percent of public libraries now offer them, people are challenging their value more than ever.



History is full of heroes –young and old, human and animal, real and fictional! Their stories entertain, amaze, and inspire us.

### SUMMER READING GOALS

- To motivate children to read
  - To develop positive attitudes about reading and books
- To enable children to maintain their reading skills during summer vacation
  - To encourage regular use of the library
  - To attract new users to the library
- To promote library services and materials throughout the community
  - To foster cooperation between community agencies
- To offer experiences through which children can learn to work cooperatively

\*More information is available at [www.cslpreads.org](http://www.cslpreads.org)\*

# FREE SUMMER MEALS



FREE - summer meals open to ALL 18 years and younger -June 15 through August 14, 2015.

Dates are subject to change.

Breakfast 8am - 9am Lunch 11:30 am-1pm

Locations: Dublin Primary, East Arcadia, Bladenboro Middle, and Elizabethtown Primary School

For more information, contact Amy Stanley at 910.862.4136 or [amstanley@bladen.k12.nc.us](mailto:amstanley@bladen.k12.nc.us)

HELP US ENSURE THAT NO CHILD GOES HUNGRY THIS SUMMER.

## LOCAL SHERIFF OFFERS TIPS FOR A SAFE JULY 4TH WEEKEND

Traditionally during the July 4th Holiday, our highways experience one of the highest traffic flows of the year. The Sheriff reminds all Bladen County residents to follow these safety tips:

- Always shift your attention every few seconds, constantly scanning the road ahead and behind you. Never blankly stare ahead nor fix your gaze on one point on the road.
- When passing an automobile, always glance at the ground beside the front wheel of the car you intend to pass. You will know instantly if the car is about to veer – giving you an extra few seconds to respond.
- You should pull out into the opposite lane of traffic when passing while you are still well behind the car in front. This should give you some time and space to build up speed and will enable you to pull back into your own lane should the need arise. Never cut abruptly out of your lane into the opposite lane when passing.
- Always signal your intentions with your brake lights, turn signals, horn and/or headlights so that other drivers will see you well before you change course.
- Drivers should always “aim high” in steering. That is, you should glance frequently at points well ahead of you. Not only will this help your steering, but it will also help you check the position of vehicles in front of you as well as on-coming ones.
- Never follow too close. Remember that, as your speed increases, it takes you substantially longer to stop. Also remember that it’s good to have an extra cushion of space in front of you if you’re being tail-gated, on a slippery road, or in low visibility conditions.

“Lastly, I would remind all motorists to practice the Golden rule when driving. Be courteous and tolerant of other drivers. Please don’t get angry with bad drivers or reckless ones – just get out of their way,” the Sheriff said in closing, “Let’s make this summer a safe one on the roads in our County.”



Booze it & Lose it: Operation Firecracker Campaign underway ~ Drive safe and don't drink and drive

From June 26 through July 5, law enforcement agencies across North Carolina will step up efforts to get drunk drivers off the roads as part of Booze it & Lose it: Operation Firecracker.

## FOOD AND DRINKS YOU SHOULD AVOID IN THE HEAT

TUCSON, AZ (Tucson News Now) -Monday is the official start of the monsoon and temperatures are on the rise.

Tucson Fire Department encourages everyone to drink enough fluids but there are some drinks you should avoid.

Emergency responders say it is okay to drink your morning coffee to start your day but you should drink water right after. Most of your fluid consumption should be water.

Emergency responders say you should avoid soda and energy drinks in the heat. Instead, they say you can drink Gatorade or Powerade.

Nutritionists say if you need a snack grab a piece of fruit instead of a side of fries.

Experts say fruits and vegetables should be a part of your diet.

They especially recommend melons like honeydew or watermelon. They says they have a high water content so they keep you hydrated.

Nutritionist also say you should avoid food high in salt or items that have a lot of carbs.

They say not only will they add a few extra pounds to your waist but they can dehydrate you.

“Also things with a lot of salt is going to cause you to retain water so you need some salt for electrolytes and things like that but not that much salt that you are retaining water and I hate to say carbs are bad but we need some healthy carbs in our diet so when we overload on those unhealthy things it causes our body to retain that water,” said J.D. Buerger, health and wellness coach.

Since June 1, Tucson Fire has responded to 12 heat related calls.

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## HOSPICE OFFERS FREE GRIEF PROGRAM



Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a free six-week grief program, Living with grief: Growth and education groups for adults, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays, July 6-Aug. 10, at its Bladen County office, 116 W. Broad St. in Elizabethtown.

Discussions include phases of grief and the grieving process, along with other areas of concern. Often being around others who have been through a similar experience enables participants to talk about what they are experiencing. Grief groups help emphasize that participants are not grieving alone and others understand and can support them on their grief journeys.

Registration is required and closes once the series begins. For more information, call [910-515-6689](tel:910-515-6689). When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number and indicate the specific program you wish to attend. Sessions are free. Donations are appreciated. Additional groups will form throughout the year.

Lower Cape Fear Hospice is a nonprofit agency that provides healthcare and comfort to people with advanced illnesses; support and counseling to families; and education in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender counties in North Carolina, and Horry County in South Carolina. For more information, visit [www.lcfh.org](http://www.lcfh.org) or [facebook.com/lcfhospice](https://facebook.com/lcfhospice).

## HOSPICE RAFFLES MEETS FIRST RAFFLE GOAL

Lower Cape Fear Hospice recently met a goal to sell 750 tickets for its Last Chance for White Pants Gala raffle. That was the minimum number that had to be sold for the raffle of a 2015 A5 Audi Cabriolet convertible to take place.

“Based on the support we received from the community and since it’s a fabulous prize, we were pretty certain we would be able to sell the required number of tickets to ensure the raffle took place,” Lindsey Champion, LCFH development manager, said. “However, it is great knowing we met our first goal. We can’t possibly thank Audi Cape Fear enough for donating such an awesome prize.”

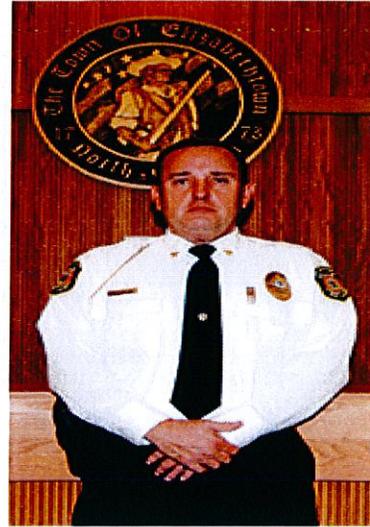
The 2015 Audi A5 Cabriolet 2.0T convertible with Tiptronic comes loaded with leather seats, Home-link, Bluetooth, navigation, an Audi sound system, satellite radio, tons of safety features and much more. Raffle tickets for the car are \$100 each. A total of only 1,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle winner does not have to be present to win, but everyone is encouraged to come to the gala. It’s at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Audi Cape Fear in Wilmington. Gala tickets are \$125 each.

Proceeds from the gala and raffle go to work immediately by providing the gift of hospice to patients and families facing end of life. Buying a ticket helps patients get the important care they need and ensures families get attention and support, regardless of ability to pay.

LCFH Foundation also recently launched a Facebook event for the gala. People can visit the page, see who is going, invite friends, check out event sponsors, and get information about the gala, the raffle and this year’s band The Free at [www.facebook.com/events/683121661820154](https://www.facebook.com/events/683121661820154).

## ELIZABETHTOWN POLICE CHIEF TO RETIRE

A longtime Elizabethtown civil service employee announced his retirement at the town's annual budget retreat. Elizabethtown Police Chief Bobby Kinlaw plans to retire after 34 years in law enforcement effective August 28. He has spent his entire law enforcement career with the Elizabethtown Police Department. He worked his way up through the ranks before making chief of police in 2000. "I will miss interacting with the public from a police chief stand point," said Kinlaw of the prospect of retirement. "I will miss some of the opportunities to help people. . ." He added he will also miss opportunities to help Elizabethtown a better place for people to live and work.



## MARK GILLESPIE NAMED DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



Elizabethtown Dixie Youth Baseball League President Mark Gillespie has been named Assistant State Director for North Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball.

"I was surprised," said Gillespie about getting the call from North Carolina State Director Carey Wrenn. "I had no idea this was coming."

Gillespie, an Elizabethtown native, has been heavily involved serving the youth of the community in both Dixie Youth Baseball and in Boy Scouts for most of his adult life "I don't remember exactly when I became league president, around 1992 I think," he said.

Scouting has also been a big part of Gillespie's life. He earned his Eagle Scout badge in 1985 and became a scoutmaster in 1992.

Gillespie who served four years on the Bladen County Board of Commissioners, has managed the Elizabethtown ABC store since 2003 after working in the store for 14 years prior to that as a clerk.

One of Gillespie's first official duties as Assistant State Director will be helping with the Majors State Tournament in Cerro Gordo on July 18-25. "I will find out the rest of the job as I get into it," he said.

## State Fire Marshal Goodwin Announces Volunteer Fire Department Grants

RALEIGH -- Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Wayne Goodwin is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 Volunteer Fire Department Fund grants. This year, more than \$9.5 million was awarded to 574 volunteer fire departments across the state.

The Volunteer Fire Department Fund, administered by the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal, was created by the General Assembly in 1988 to provide dollar matching grants to assist volunteer fire departments with the purchase of equipment and capital expenditures. The maximum annual award amount is \$30,000 per applicant.

"I'm proud that so many fire departments are taking advantage of this important grant program. These grants help our volunteer fire departments stretch their budgets to better serve their communities," said Goodwin.

The recipient will match the grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis unless the department receives less than \$50,000 per year from municipal and county funding, in which case the recipient will match one dollar for every three dollars of grant funds up to \$30,000.

More than \$110 million in matching grant funds has been awarded to volunteer fire departments since the program began in 1988.

See a full list of the 2015 Volunteer Fire Department Fund grant recipients at: [http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Fire\\_Rescue\\_Grants\\_and\\_Relief\\_Funds/Documents/2015FireGrantAwards.pdf](http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Fire_Rescue_Grants_and_Relief_Funds/Documents/2015FireGrantAwards.pdf)

### Bladen County Grant Recipients are:

Bay Tree Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

Bladenboro Fire Department

Carvers Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Clarkton Fire Department

Dublin Fire Department

Hickory Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Kelly Volunteer Fire Department

Tar Hell Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

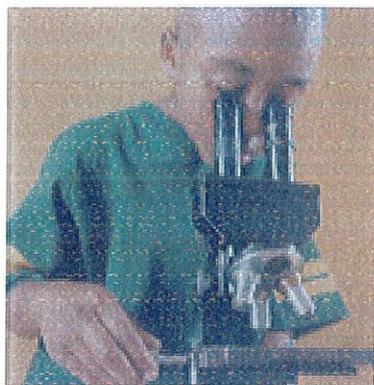
The Ammon Volunteer Fire Department

White Lake Fire Department

White Oak Fire Department

\*All grants were matching 50/50\*

**SIGN UP TODAY... SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**



#### Camp Information

Dates: July 13-17, 2015

Grades: 3-5 (Group A) and 6-8 (Group B)

Cost: \$75.00 per student

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Camp Visits: Bladen Community College,  
Tech University, Jones Lake, and STEM  
Robotics Camp

# Bladen County Schools

## S.T.E.M. Summer Enrichment Camp July 13-17



### Robotics

Spend the day building robots and learning how they function.

### Bladen Community College Science Fair

Explore lab activities in chemistry, physics, and environmental science from college professors.

### Jones Lake Nature Center

Be captivated by the exhibits at the Jones Lake Nature Center. From reptiles to aquatics, there's fun for everyone with environmental science.

### Get Healthy and Active

Learn about fitness and nutrition from the POE Center. Prepare your mind and body through healthy eating and exercise habits that increase academic performance.

### Tech University

Engage in technology activities with Instructional Technology Facilitators to explore digital programs such as iMovie and Geocaching.

**In Partnership with Bladen Community College, Jones Lake,  
The Poe Center, and Follett**

**Free Breakfast and Lunch each day**

**Camp application fee includes all camp costs.**

**Students must be dropped off and picked up daily at Elizabethtown Middle School.**

**Online registration must be completed through the school PeachJar site.**

**Camp groups are limited to the first 35 registrants.**





Tired of eating burnt toast?!?! Need new recipe ideas? Let's help each other...

Bladen County DSS/Child Welfare Units are asking for your best recipes!!!

**Have an old family favorite? A newly "made up" recipe? Quick and Easy Meals?  
Appetizers? Diet Friendly Recipes?**

**No problem...Send them to us. We will include them in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Volume Agency Cook-  
book.**

*New this year: We hope to include a "Pinterest like" section. Send us your cool ideas!*

**Recipe timeframe: Now thru July 15, 2015**

Submit recipes in typed format to Jill Sampson at [jsampson@bladenco.org](mailto:jsampson@bladenco.org) or you can hand deliver your recipes to any Social Worker in Child Protective Services or Foster Care.

Feel free to submit as many recipes as you would like. *The more recipes, the better!*

Recipe books are expected to roll out around the holidays. Prices will depend on the final draft of the recipe book. I will keep you notified.

Thanks for your support!

Proceeds benefit Child Abuse Prevention

2015

# SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT

Join Us For Our



Elizabethtown, NC

Cape Fear Farmer's Market

July 9 - Band of Oz

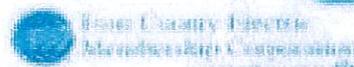
July 23 - North Tower

August 13 - Fantastic Shakers

August 27 - Blackwater Rhythm & Blues

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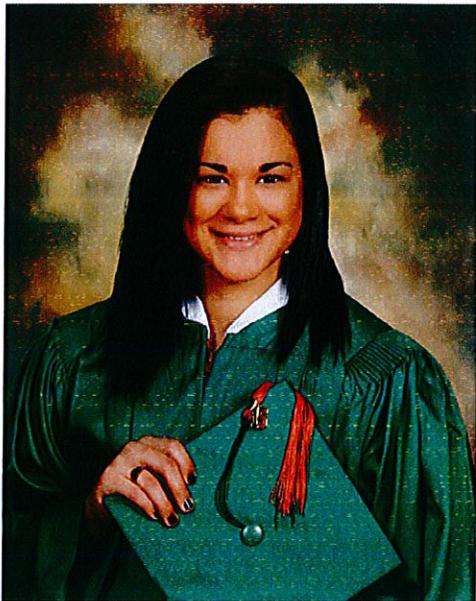
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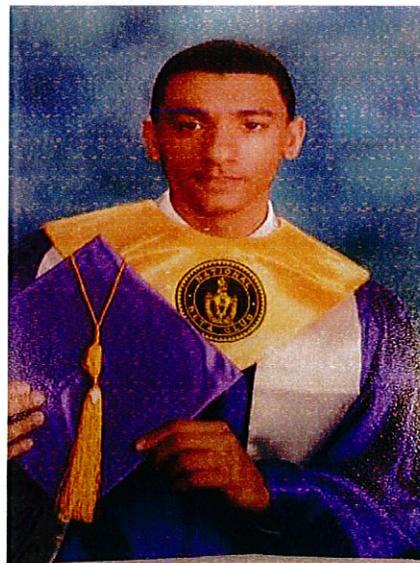
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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Olivia Elliott, daughter of Ann Marie (DSS) & Allen Hinson is graduating from East Columbus High School. She was awarded The Prince Memorial Scholarship and will be attending Southeastern Community College this fall.



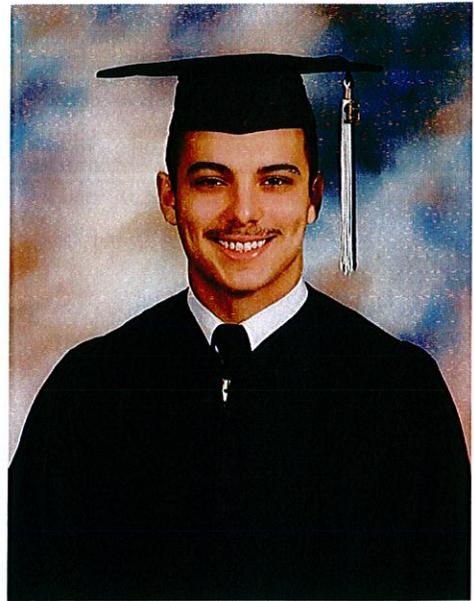
Brian Floyd, II will graduate from West Bladen High School, June 12, 2015. He plans to attend Campbell University in the Fall. Brian has been an exceptional young man and I hope that he continues his dreams successfully. I am proud to be the grandmother of such a talented graduate. Brian played basketball for the West Bladen High School Knights, he is a Beta Club member, and he was nominated into the National Technical Honors Society. I solicit your prayers as he and all other graduates enter into their next journey of life.

Love Grandma Dorothy Zeigler-DSS

Excellent Job to the 2015 West Bladen Seniors



**Andrew Jacob Moore**, the son of Pam Moore, (DSS). He is graduating from South Columbus High School. He is graduating with Honors and in the Top 10% of his Senior Class. He was awarded a Presidential Scholarship from Campbell University, the NC Golden Leaf Scholarship, and the NC Dixie Boys Baseball Scholarship. He plans to attend Campbell University in the fall.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATE

### SAMANTHA SMITH

Valedictorian Elizabethtown Middle School 7th Grade  
Grand daughter of Laura Strickland (Home Health Processing  
Assistant) & Roger Strickland  
Parents: Shone and Belynda Smith

Valedictorian ETMS 7th Grade

Superintendents List

A Honor Roll

Grade A Technology

ETMS Visual Arts Award

Highest Grade Average

Certificate of Accomplishment for GREAT

Handy Helper Award

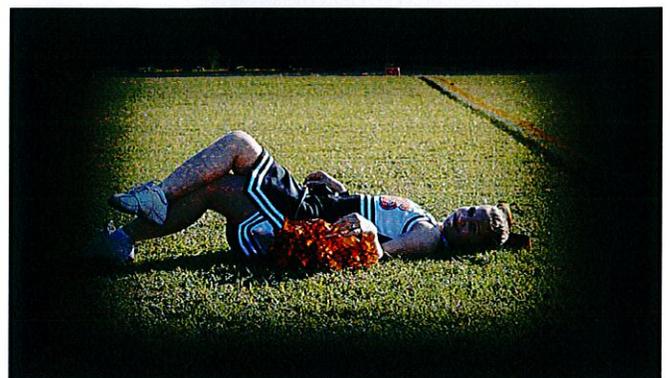
Certificate in Reading

Mathematics—Maintaining exemplary average

Certificate in Science Maintaining A average

Paw Award—Always willing to Help

ETMS—Cheerleader in Football and Basketball



We are all very proud of you  
**Samantha !!**

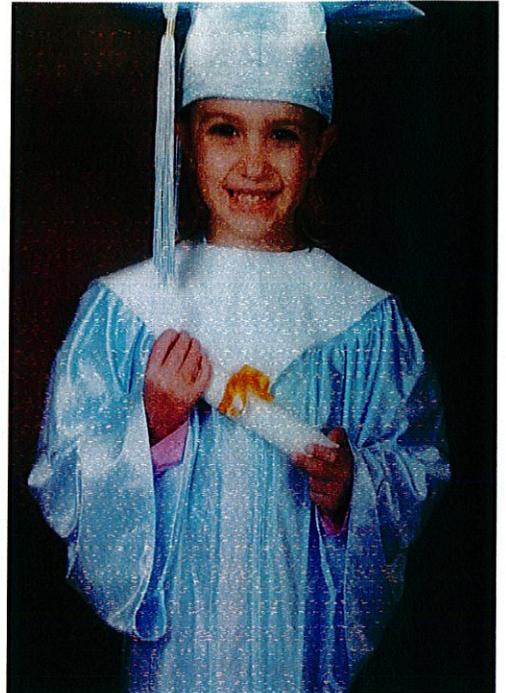
## KINDERGARTEN GRADUATE

Bailee Marie Thompson

Elizabethtown Primary School

Kindergarten Graduate 2015

Parents: Chase & Amanda Lancaster (Emergency  
Management Office and Health Dept.)



## PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRADUATE

Hayleigh Brooke Simmons

Elizabethtown Primary School

Pre-K Graduate 2015

Parents: Josh & Brittany Simmons (Library)



You're off to great places,

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting,

So... get on your way!



Dr. Seuss

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## DESMOND BRYANT FOOTBALL CAMP

The annual Desmond Bryant Football Camp will be held on July 11 at East Bladen High School. The camp is FREE and interested participants can register upon arrival at the camp. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the camp starting at 8:45 a.m. Participants should bring cleats and/or tennis shoes. ALL participants will receive a free camp t-shirt.

Anyone with questions can call Robby Priest at 910-645-2500.

## WBHS MINI CHEERLEADER CAMP

West Bladen Varsity Cheerleaders Mini Cheerleader Camp

July 20th-23rd (10:00-1:00)

July 23rd- Parent Day (10:00 AM)

Ages 3-13

Cost: \$50.00 which includes a WBHS Knights Cheerleading T-shirt and light refreshments every afternoon.

All participants will cheer at a Varsity Football Game (9-11-15)

Applications can be downloaded of  
f the WBHS website at

[www.westbladen.nc.bch.schoolsites.com](http://www.westbladen.nc.bch.schoolsites.com) or picked up at West Bladen High School. Completed forms should be mailed directly the high school.

Application deadline: EXTENDED to July 8, 2015

For more information contact: Mary Todd by email at: [mjtodd@bladen.k12.nc.us](mailto:mjtodd@bladen.k12.nc.us)

~ JULY 2015 ~

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