

# TEAM BLADEN

June 2017  
Bladen County  
Government Newsletter

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- Clerk of Courts:  
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- Health: David Howard
- DSS: Vickie Smith
- Economic Development:  
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- Elections: Cynthia Shaw
- Emergency Services:  
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- Extension: Sandra Cain
- Finance: Lisa Coleman
- Human Resources: Shonteia Keaton
- Library: Kelsey Edwards
- Operations: Robert Mazur
- Planning: Greg Elkins
- Recreation: Grant Pait
- Register of Deeds:  
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- Revenue: Renee Davis
- Senior Services: Joan Allen
- Soil & Water: Dean Morris
- Sheriff: James McVicker
- Water: Randy Garner

## Rockstar Magic of Chris & Neal

"Carolina's Most Popular Magicians"



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MAIN BRANCH

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

**\*FREE ADMISSION\***

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**BEGINNING JUNE 19TH, 2017**

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**TUESDAYS**

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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE.**

**ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED AT EACH PROGRAM.**

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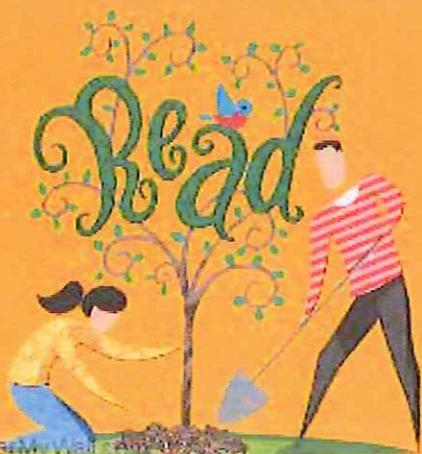
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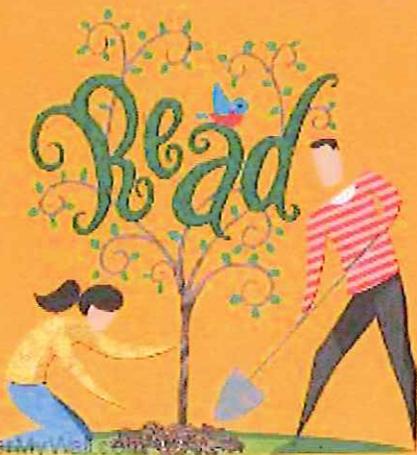
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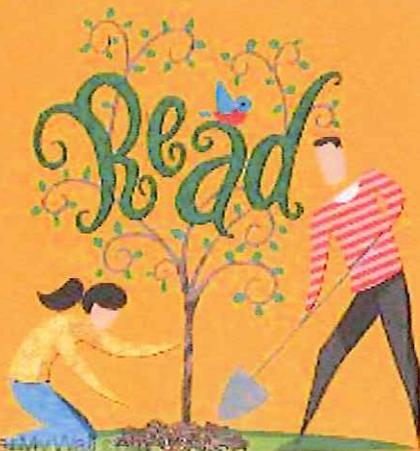
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## SUMMER BREAKFAST PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE



Get Active...

Get **HEALTHY!**

Learning does not end when school lets out. Neither does the need for good nutrition. The 2017 Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program will again be available to all students and children in the Bladen County. This program is free to all children between the ages of 1 and 18. Please contact Amy Stanley at 910-862-4136 for more information.

Good nutrition is essential for learning in school. Continuing healthy eating habits is also important during the long hot summer months. Eating nutritious foods helps ensure students retain their hard learned knowledge and to help them to keep right on learning throughout the summer. For many of these children, summer vacation can bring the temptation of eating empty calorie snacks and foods that are high in sugar, fats and sodium. And for many others, summer exposes students to an increased risk of hunger and developmental decline. Make seasonal fruits and vegetables a high priority for your snacks, meals and anytime.

Summertime is a time to play hard, but it is also a time to remember to eat right. Make sure good nutrition remains a priority all summer long, and students will return to school in the Fall healthy, sharp and ready to learn.

### **KIDS AND TEENS EAT FREE**



# BLADEN COUNTY SCAM PREVENTION

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LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AREA  
AGENCY ON AGING AND  
BLADEN COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING



Learn how to protect yourself and members of your family from falling for scams that target elderly consumers. Find out what to do if you've experienced a scam, and learn ways you and your loved ones can reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

Presentations will be conducted by Legal Aid of North Carolina's Senior Law Project, Senior Medicare Patrol, NC Attorney General's Office, Secretary of State's Office, Bladen County DSS and Bladen County Sheriff's Office.

There is no charge to attend and lunch will be provided. Contact Bladen County Division on Aging to register at 910-872-6330 by June 12, 2017.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017**  
**10:00 AM—1:30 PM**



**Event Location:**  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
(Activity Building)  
901 West Broad Street  
Elizabethtown, NC 28337



# **1st Annual Bladen County Pet Palooza**



*Brought to you by the Bladen County Animal Control Advisory Board Celebrating Bladen County Animals to benefit the Bladen County Animal Shelter's non-profit trust fund for an animal exercise area.*

**Friday, June 16th, 2017**

**5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m**

at the

**Elizabethtown Dog Park &  
National Guard Armory on  
Swanzy Street in Elizabethtown**

***All are Welcome (including pets)***

**Vendors & Food set up 5:30 p.m.**

**Ribbon Cutting at 6:00 p.m.**

**K-9 Race at 6:30 p.m.**

**Silent Auction ends at 8:30 p.m.**

**Games**

**50/50 drawing**

**The Loose Floorboards band starts at 7:30 p.m.**

**All donations are tax deductible. For more information contact:**

**Mike Jackson at [mjjackson81@embarqmail.com](mailto:mjjackson81@embarqmail.com)**

**Or**

**Charlotte Smith at [bladenonlinesales@gmail.com](mailto:bladenonlinesales@gmail.com)**

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## **Vendor Form:**

**Fee to set up a table is \$25.00**

*Tables and chairs will not be provided, you must bring all of your own equipment needs.*

**Please make payments payable to:**

**Bladen County Animal Shelter**

*Payment will be collected the day of the event.*

<b>Company Name:</b>	
<b>Contact Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Product or company type:</b>	

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## Sponsorship Form:

Please place a check by your sponsorship level commitment.

<b>Sponsorship level:</b>	<b>Amount donated:</b>	<b>Sponsor will receive:</b>
____ Pet Ambassador	\$1000.00 and up	Your name will be on: event signs, t-shirts, News media, social media, event recognition.
____ Pet Partner	\$500 up to \$999	Your name will be on: event signs, t-shirt, event recognition
____ Pet Friendly	\$499 to \$100	Your name be on: event signs and will receive recognition at the event

Please make checks payable to: Bladen County Animal Shelter, for your non-profit sponsorship

Company Name as it should appear on promotional items:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number:

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Contact email address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact mailing address:

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Luminaries in honor of or in memory of a beloved pet  
or animal advocate

*\$10.00 per luminary*

*Luminaries will be visible and announced day of the event with names printed. Deadline 6 p.m. day of the event.*

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Beloved pet

\_\_\_\_\_ Beloved Animal Advocate

# Small Efforts Make Big Difference in Recreational Boating Safety

Each year, about 74 million Americans engage in recreational boating, according to government research. Most boating experiences are positive – the stuff memories are made of. But the most joyful times quickly can turn deadly if boaters are not vigilant about safety – at all times.

One of three things usually happens when a good day on the water turns tragic, according to the U.S. Coast Guard:

- A passenger falls overboard
- A boat capsizes
- A boat collides with another boat or object

In 2014, the Coast Guard counted 4,064 boating incidents that involved 610 deaths, 2,678 injuries and about \$39 million of damage to property. Compared to 2013, the Coast Guard reported:

- The number of incidents increased 0.05%
- The number of deaths increased 8.9%
- The number of injuries increased 2.2%

## Perils of Falling in Frigid Water

Hypothermia can set in if a person is exposed to water less than 70 degrees for too long. The body cools 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air, according to the Perseus Project.

In June 2015, a Utah doctor, his two daughters and one of their friends died in the frigid waters of Bear Lake, about 120 miles north of Salt Lake City, after their boat capsized. Only the doctor survived.

Two other teenage girls survived by massaging cramps out of each other's arms and legs and praying while waiting for help to arrive. All were wearing life jackets, but their boat was swayed by winds.

## Just Wear It

Life jackets are the lifeblood of safe boating.

The U.S. Coast Guard reports 78% of boating deaths in 2014 were due to drowning, and 84% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket.

The good news is, comfortable – and stylish – Coast Guard-approved life jackets are widely available. The Wear It campaign promotes boating safety by encouraging boaters to wear life jackets during National Safe Boating Week, May 21-27, 2016.

Before setting sail, review a pre-departure checklist to ensure you have everything you need in your boat, including a tool box and first-aid kit. Once on the water, use common sense.

If you notice storm clouds, a sudden temperature drop or wind speed increasing, the best advice is to play it safe. Get off the water.

## Get Educated, Reduce Risks

The National Safe Boating Council promotes safer recreational boating through education, outreach and training.

In 2014, Coast Guard data indicates 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had no boating safety instruction. By comparison, 12% of deaths occurred where the operator had a boating education certificate.

To further reduce risk, the Coast Guard offers these tips:

- Don't drink: Alcohol affects judgment, vision, balance and coordination
- Take a safety course: 7 out of 10 boating incidents are caused by operator error
- Get a free vessel safety check; contact a local volunteer here
- Know about carbon monoxide; this odorless, colorless poisonous gas is emitted by all combustion engines and onboard motor generators

The extra effort that goes into taking these kinds of precautions will help create fun-filled adventures for you and your family on the water.

# Drowning: It Can Happen in an Instant

Not including boating incidents, on average about nine people die from drowning every day in the United States, according to *Injury Facts 2017* the annual statistical report. Teens and Young Adults Often Don't Think About Safety

When we think of water safety, we often think of the potential for young children to drown. But drowning also is a concern for teens and young adults. While drowning is not a concern for children 5 and younger, it's the second leading cause of death for people age 5-24. According to NSC data, 737 people age 5 to 24 drowned in 2014.

Swimmers should keep a few safety precautions in mind:

- Don't go in the water unless you know how to swim; swim lessons are available for all ages
- Never swim alone
- Learn CPR and rescue techniques
- Make sure the body of water matches your skill level; swimming in a pool is much different than swimming in a lake or river, where more strength is needed to handle waves
- If you do get caught in a current, don't try to fight it; stay calm and float with it, or swim parallel to the shore until you can swim free
- Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard
- Don't push or jump on others
- Don't dive in unfamiliar areas
- Never drink alcohol when swimming; alcohol is involved in about half of all male teen drownings, according to KidsHealth.org

## The Younger the Child, the Greater the Risk

Most parents think water safety is first and foremost on their minds whenever they are enjoying summer activities with their young kids. But when the unthinkable happens and a child drowns, parents and caregivers have been known to say, "I only looked away for a second."

NSC statistics point to drowning as a leading cause of death for young children – mostly due to children falling into a pool or being left alone in the bathtub.

Of the 3,406 drownings in 2014, more than 12% were children age 4 and younger, according to *Injury Facts 2017*. These statistics are in line with Consumer Product Safety reports, which state more than 200 children ages 1 to 14 drowned in pools and spas during summer 2013. Bathtubs, toilets and even buckets also can pose a danger for very young children.

## Distractions Make for Tragedies

Parents are cautioned all the time about water safety, but drownings still occur. Always be aware and be in the present moment with your children. Following are a few water safety precautions:

- Never leave your child alone; if you have to leave, take your child with you
- Find age-appropriate swim lessons for your child, but keep in mind that lessons do not make your child "drown-proof"
- Lifeguards aren't babysitters; always keep your eyes on your child
- Don't let children play around drains and suction fittings
- Never consume alcohol when operating a boat, and always make sure everyone is wearing U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets
- Don't underestimate the power of water; even rivers and lakes can have undertows
- Always have a first aid kit and emergency contacts handy
- Get training in CPR
- If a child is missing, check the water first

Every pool, every lake and every warm summer day holds the possibility of new, fun summer experiences. All you need to add is your undivided attention.

# Heat Illnesses Can be Fatal; Would You Know What to Do?

Did you know your body is constantly in a struggle to disperse the heat it produces? Most of the time, you're hardly aware of it – unless your body is exposed to more heat than it can handle.

In 2014, 244 people died in the U.S. from exposure to excessive heat, according to *Injury Facts 2017*, the annual statistical report on unintentional injuries produced by the Safety Council. Heat-related illnesses can escalate rapidly, leading to delirium, organ damage and even death.

There are several heat-related illnesses, including heatstroke (the most severe), heat exhaustion and heat cramps. Those most at risk include:

- Infants and young children
- Elderly people
- Pets
- Individuals with heart or circulatory problems or other long-term illness
- People who work outdoors
- Athletes and people who like to exercise – especially beginners
- Individuals taking medications that alter sweat production
- Alcoholics and drug abusers

## Heatstroke

Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and body temperature rises quickly. The brain and vital organs are effectively "cooked" as body temperature rises to a dangerous level in a matter of minutes. Heatstroke is often fatal, and those who do survive may have permanent damage to their organs.

Someone experiencing heatstroke will have extremely hot skin, and an altered mental state, ranging from slight confusion to coma. Seizures also can result. Removing the body from excess heat is crucial for survival.

- Move the person into a half-sitting position in the shade
- Call for emergency medical help immediately
- If humidity is below 75%, spray the victim with water and fan them vigorously; if humidity is above 75%, apply ice to neck, armpits or groin
- Do not give aspirin or acetaminophen
- Do not give the victim anything to drink

## Heat Exhaustion

When the body loses an excessive amount of salt and water, heat exhaustion can set in. People who work outdoors and athletes are particularly susceptible.

Symptoms are similar to those of the flu and can include severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting and, sometimes, diarrhea. Other symptoms include profuse sweating and elevated body temperature.

Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can evolve into heatstroke, so make sure to treat the victim quickly.

- Move them to a shaded or air-conditioned area
- Give them water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Apply wet towels or having them take a cool shower

## Heat cramps

Heat cramps are muscle spasms that usually affect the legs or abdominal muscles, often after physical activity. Excessive sweating reduces salt levels in the body, which can cause cramps.

Workers or athletes with pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs should not return to work for a few hours. Instead:

- Sit or lie down in the shade.
- Drink cool water or a sports drink.
- Stretch affected muscles.
- Seek medical attention if you have heart problems or if the cramps don't get better in an hour.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers [more information on heat-related illness in this FAQ](#).

The best way to avoid a heat-related illness is to limit exposure outdoors during hot days. Air conditioning is the best way to cool off, according to the CDC. Also:

- Drink more liquid than you think you need and avoid alcohol
- Wear loose, lightweight clothing and a hat
- Replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks
- Avoid spending time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wear sunscreen; sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself
- Pace yourself when you run or otherwise exert your body



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