



# TEAM BLADEN

MAY 2015  
Bladen County  
Government Newsletter

## DEPARTMENT HEADS:

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Matt Chadwick

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Nikki Dennis

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Robin Hewett

Consolidated

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Soil & Water: Dean Morris

Sheriff: James McVicker

Water: Randy Garner



<http://www.whitelakewaterfestival.com/>

Meet one of North Carolina's newest up and coming country music artists, Bryan Mayer! Don't miss this opportunity to meet and hear this promising new artist, performing on the White Lake Water Festival entertainment stage on Saturday, May 16 at 1 PM!



# WHITE LAKE WATER FESTIVAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## Friday, May 15

6:30 - 9 PM

**Classic Car Cruise-In**

7 - 9 PM

**Street Dance** at Goldston's Beach

Band to be Announced!

## Saturday, May 16

10 AM **Parade** Leaving Camp Clearwater and Ending at the Scotchman on White Lake Drive

11 AM until.... **Barbeque Plates** at the Fire Department \$7 per plate

10 AM - 5 PM

**ALL DAY FUN!**

**Arts, Crafts, and Vendors** at Goldston's Beach  
CLOWNS, AMUSEMENT RIDES, FACE PAINTING, PETTING ZOO,  
AND ENTERTAINMENT ON TWO STAGES

10 AM - 4 PM

**Classic Car Show** at the Festival Grounds on Hwy. 701  
(across from the Scotchman)

8 AM - 12 Noon Registration \$20 per Car

12 Noon - 3 PM Judging

4 PM - **Trophies** Awarded

11 AM - 5 PM

**Entertainment** under the Main Tent at Goldston's Beach

11 AM - 1 PM

Blackwater Rhythm & Blues Band

1 PM - 2 PM Bryan Mayer

2 PM - 4 PM The Generations

4 PM - 6 PM Southern Touch Band

**Lake Side Entertainment** on the Waterfront

Patricia Charlton

Gaddis Girls

Elvis Impersonator

Gaddis Girls & Family

12 Noon - 1 PM

Meet Parade Marshall **Lindsey Herring**, Miss Bladenboro, at a Meet-and-Greet on the Waterfront Performing Arts Stage at Goldston's Beach.

9 PM - 1 AM

[Saturday Night Dance featuring Gary Lowder and the Smokin' Hot](#)

**Tickets \$15 per person. Coolers Permitted. No Glass Containers.**

**Located at The Venue - 1498 White Lake Drive**

## **BENEFITS FAIR 2015-DOOR PRIZE WINNERS**

### **ALLSTATE**

GIFT CARD	CYNTHIA DOWLESS	LIBRARY
GIFT CART	BRENDA BURNEY	DSS

### **COLONIAL**

BOOM BOX	DRUSILLA WRIGHT	DSS
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### **COMMUNITY EYE**

CARRY BAG	DOROTHY ZEIGLER	DSS
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### **LIBERTY NATIONAL**

GIFT CARD	AMY BURNEY	DSS
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### **LGFCU**

COASTER SET	DEBBIE STORMS	DSS
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### **SAM'S CLUB**

GLASS SET	SHERRY BUTLER	DSS
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### **SECU**

CARRY BAG	LEVENDA GEORGE	HSKPG
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### **WASHINGTON NATIONAL**

GIFT CARD	SUSAN DANIEL	DSS
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### **WEST-THOMAS**

GIFT CARD	ROMALL WATSON	HEALTH
GIFT CARD	JACQUELYN HILBURN	DSS
GIFT CARD	SHEREESE BECTON	DSS
GIFT CARD	SHERRY DOWLESS	DSS



# Relay For Life of Bladen County

Friday, May 8, 2015 - Saturday, May 9, 2015

11:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Elizabethtown Middle School Field

## What is Relay?

- Organized, overnight community fundraising walk
- Teams of people camp out around a track
- Members of each team take turns walking around the track
- Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie
- Family-friendly environment for the entire community

Because it's a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time. But it's so much fun, you'll find it hard to leave!

## What makes a relay event special?

Many moments create the unique Relay experience. Event details vary by location, but all events have key moments in common:

**Survivors Lap** During the Survivors Lap, all cancer survivors at the event take the first lap around the track, celebrating their victory over cancer while cheered on by the other participants who line the track. Relay For Life events also recognize and celebrate caregivers, who give time, love, and support to their friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers facing cancer.



**Luminaria Ceremony** The Luminaria Ceremony takes place after dark, so we can remember people we have lost to cancer, honor people who have fought cancer in the past, and support those whose fight continues. Candles are lit inside of personalized bags and are placed around the Relay track as glowing tributes to those who've been affected by cancer.



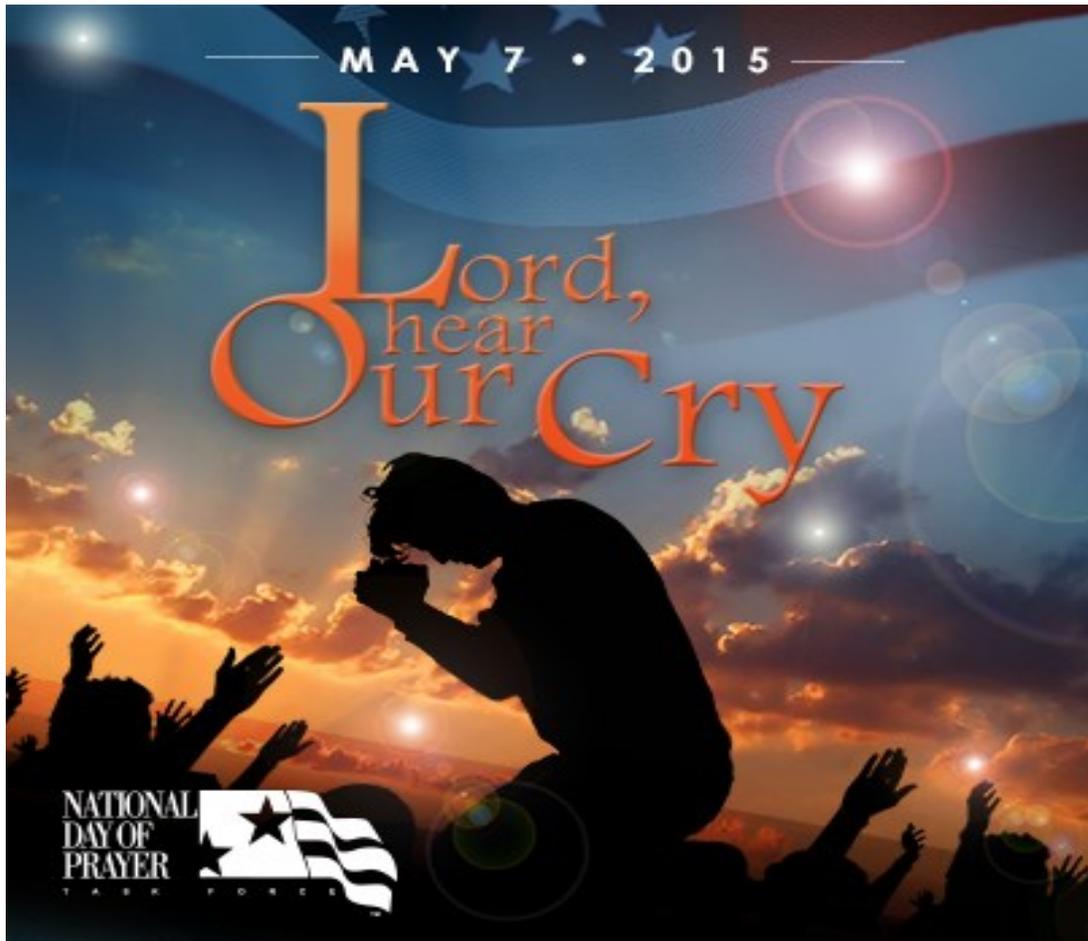
**Fight Back Ceremony** This emotionally powerful ceremony inspires Relay participants to take action. The Fight Back Ceremony symbolizes the emotional commitment each of us can make in the fight against cancer. The action taken represents what we are willing to do for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for our community to fight cancer year-round and to commit to saving lives.



**History of Relay For Life** In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, ultimately raising \$27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern cancer. A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event. Since those first steps, the Relay For Life movement has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, raising nearly \$5 billion to fight cancer



# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

PLACE: CITY HALL

TIME: 12 NOON

The 64th annual National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2015, will have profound significance for our country.

The theme for 2015 is *"Lord, Hear Our Cry!"*

For more information please contact:

**Clara Adams**

910. 862.2406 or 910.876.9969

# MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM



**BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

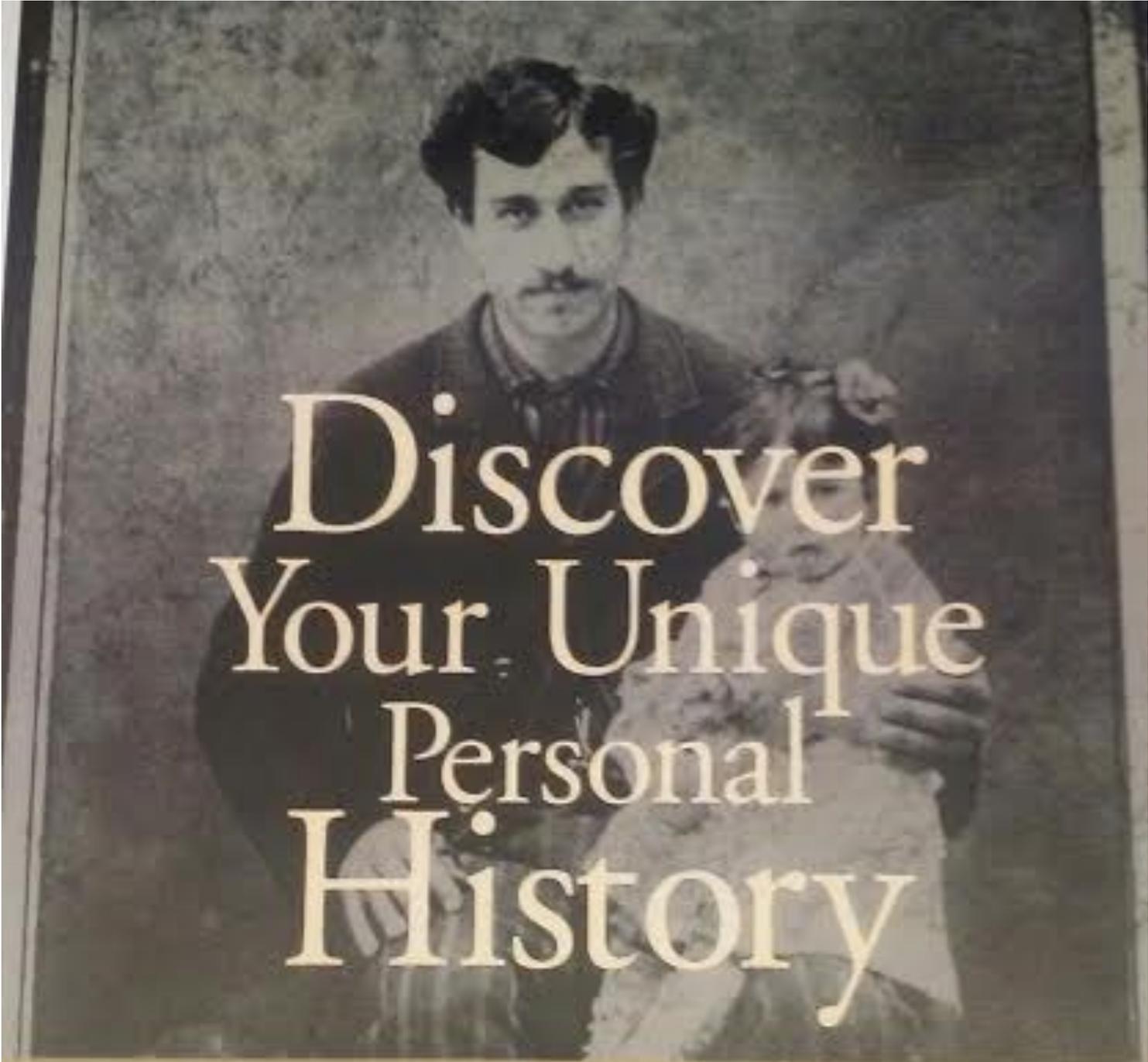
**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015**

**6: 30 P.M.**

Mothers, grandmothers, and children of all ages are welcome to this event.

Please call 910.862.6990 to register in advance.

**PARENTS MUST ACCOMPANY MINORS TO THIS PROGRAM.**



# Discover Your Unique Personal History

Ancestry® Library Edition

Your ancestors left clues along the way. Now, you can trace them online. Billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more are at your fingertips!

Ancestry Library Edition is available here.



Bladen County Public Library

## MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WWW.MENTALHEALTHAMERICA.NET

National Mental Health Month raises awareness about mental health illness and related issues in the United States. In recent times, attitudes towards mental health issues appear to be changing. Negative attitudes and stigma associated with mental health have reduced and there has been growing acceptance towards mental health issues and support for people with them. Despite this shift in attitude, the idea of a mental health awareness campaign is not a recent one. In the late 1940s, the first National Mental Health Awareness Week was launched in the U.S.



### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week is the National Federation's yearly event, geared toward raising awareness to the issues and causes integral to the children's mental health field in each of the communities across the country. This year's celebration will begin on Sunday, May 3rd and will continue through Saturday May 9th, 2015.

This Year's Theme "Mental Health is Fundamental."

For Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 2015, the National Federation will focus on the importance of including mental health in all public health conversations. Mental Health is essential to overall health. We must treat mental health challenges with the same urgency and respect as we treat physical health challenges. Holistic health depends on our ability to be well, mind and body, which can be achieved through integrated care across systems. No more shame. No more silence. Children's mental health matters.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

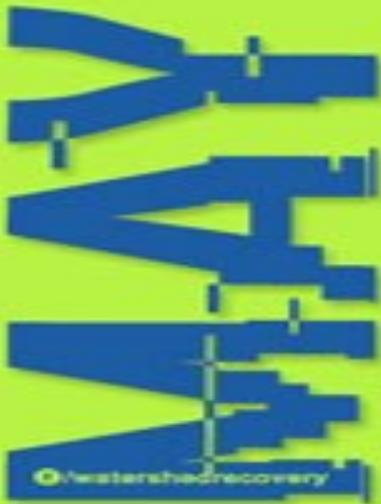


NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 3-9, 2015

WWW.FFCMH.ORG

— Children's Mental Health Matters —



# Mental Health Awareness Month



One in four people has a mental health illness.



You can help #breakthestigma.

**Mental Health America (MHA)** – founded in 1909 – is the nation’s leading community-based non-profit dedicated to helping all Americans achieve wellness by living mentally healthier lives. Our work is driven by our commitment to promote mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, including prevention services for all, early identification and intervention for those at risk, and integrated care and treatment for those who need it, with recovery as the goal.

Mental Health America envisions a just, humane and healthy society in which all people are accorded respect, dignity and the opportunity to achieve their full potential through meaningful social inclusion that is free from discrimination.

For over 65 years, Mental Health America and our affiliates across the country have led the observance of May is Mental Health Month by reaching millions of people through the media, local events and screenings. We welcome other organizations to join us in spreading the word that mental health is something everyone should care about by using the May is Mental Health Month toolkit materials and conducting awareness activities.

MHA is committed to:

- Raising its voice for people affected by mental and substance use conditions who have not had a voice.
- Diversity and cultural competence in programs, communication, treatment, and relationships.
- The translation of science into practice.

Ensuring that the public’s trust is confirmed through efficient conscientious leadership and stewardship.

## VETERANS CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

8:30 P.M.

CAMP CLEARWATER  
2038 WHITE LAKE DRIVE  
ELIZABETHTOWN, NC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LISA CLARK

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[Lisa.Clark@lcfh.org](mailto:Lisa.Clark@lcfh.org)

## MY NORTH CAROLINA, MY VOTE

Beginning in 2016, NC will require voters to show a photo identification (photo ID) when they present to vote in person. This change is a result of the **Voter Information Verification Act** or “VIVA”. ([S.L. 2013 - 381](#)).

For more detailed information visit:

[voterid.nc.gov/pages/acceptable-ids.html](http://voterid.nc.gov/pages/acceptable-ids.html)



# 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.**

## **ABSOLUTE AUCTION**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015, 11 a.m.**

This is a Benefit Auction for KYLE CASHWELL, GODY CLARK, & GARRETT SMITH.

With all proceeds from Auction going to them.

**Auction will be held at 174 Turnbull Drive, Garland, NC**

## **Diabetes Educational Support Group Meeting**

will be held on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Bladen County Health Department. Call: 910-862-6900 extension 5 Bladen County Health Department-Health Promotions, for more information or if you would like to comment.

## MOTHER'S DAY HISTORY

<http://www.mothersdaycelebration.com/mothers-day-history.html>

Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in the United Kingdom where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in the United States. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. Thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mother's Day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wisher.

### Earliest History of Mother's Day

The earliest history of Mother's Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology. Ancient Romans, too, celebrated a spring festival, called Hilaria dedicated to Cybele, a mother goddess. It may be noted that ceremonies in honor of Cybele began some 250 years before Christ was born. The celebration made on the Ides of March by making offerings in the temple of Cybele lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades. The celebrations were notorious enough that followers of Cybele were banished from Rome. Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday.

### History of Mother's Day: Mothering Sunday

The more recent history of Mothers Day dates back to 1600s in England. Here a **Mothering Sunday** was celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter) to honor mothers. After a prayer service in church to honor Virgin Mary, children brought gifts and flowers to pay tribute to their own mothers. On the occasion, servants, apprentices and other employees staying away from their homes were encouraged by their employers to visit their mothers and honor them. Traditionally children brought with them gifts and a special fruit cake or fruit-filled pastry called a simnel. Yugoslavs and people in other nations have observed similar days. Custom of celebrating Mothering Sunday died out almost completely by the 19th century. However, the day came to be celebrated again after World War II, when American servicemen brought the custom and commercial enterprises used it as an occasion for sales.

### History of Mother's Day: Present Day Celebrations

Today Mothers Day is celebrated in several countries including the United States, United Kingdom, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. People take the day as an opportunity to pay tribute to their mothers and thank them for all their love and support. The day has become hugely popular and in several countries phone lines witness maximum traffic. There is also a tradition of gifting flowers, cards and others gift to mothers on the Mothers Day. The festival has become commercialized to a great extent. Florists, card manufacturers and gift sellers see huge business potential in the day and make good money through a rigorous advertising campaign.

The dental and vision rates with Ameritas effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 are as follows:

DENTAL

EMPLOYEE	\$ 37.48
EMPLOYEE & SPOUSE	\$ 77.48
EMPLOYEE & CHILDREN	\$ 93.64
EMPLOYEE, SPOUSE & CHILD(REN)	\$133.64

VISION (SAME AS LAST YEAR)

EMPLOYEE	\$ 9.40
EMPLOYEE & SPOUSE	\$ 20.28
EMPLOYEE & CHILDREN	\$ 16.40
EMPLOYEE, SPOUSE & CHILD(REN)	\$ 27.28

Any changes in coverage can be made during open enrollment when you receive your election forms for the cafeteria program. The dental and vision change forms can be obtained from the Human Resources Office.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR MONETARY DONATION AND PRAYERS FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. YOUR KINDNESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND KEEP YOU.

**Michelle George & Family**

# GOINGS- ON ABOUT THE COUNTY



Greta Jackson (Library) reading "I Knew You Could!" by Craig Dorfman during the library pre-school morning story time on today. Children also enjoyed making a fun train craft. Pre-school story time at the main branch is every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. All children are welcome. In addition, a Thursday afternoon story is offered at 3:30 p.m.

It's story  
**TIME**  
@your library™



Carol Strickland-Bladen County Health Department-Health Educator, presenting the "State of the County Health Report" to the \*Bladen County Employee Lunch and Learn\* participants on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the 12:00 and 1:00 sessions.



## MAY 2015

1 **MAY DAY**; BCC PRESENTS "AN EVENING WITH KATHYRN AND CHARLIE", 7 PM, ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. ELIZABETHTOWN VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD FISH PLATE SALE, 10 AM, 201 MERCER MILL ROAD

2 **BLADEN COUNTY MASTER GARDNERS "PLANT SALE"**, 8AM-12NOON, **BLADENBORO FARMER'S MARKET**

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4 PRAYER SERVICE, 8:15 AM; ELIZABETHTOWN PLANNING BOARD MEETING, 5:30 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING; TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 7 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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6 NCACC COUNTY ASSEMBLY DAY; RALEIGH, NC; NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, 12 NOON, CITY HALL; **MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM, 6:30 PM LIBRARY**

8 RELAY FOR LIFE, 11 AM, ELIZABETHTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK, BLADENBORO ROTARY CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT, LAND O LAKES GOLF COURSE, WHITEVILLE

9 BLADEN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT GOLF TOURNAMENT, 8:30AM, VINEYARD GOLF, WHITE LAKE; BLADEN COUNTY RABIES CLINIC

10 **MOTHER'S DAY**

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12 SAFE KIDS MEETING, 10 AM, BLADEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.; BLADEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, 6PM, BOARD OF ED.

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14 BLADEN COUNTY FIRE ASSN., 7 PM, CARVERS CREEK FIRE DEPT.

15 **WHITE LAKE WATER FESTIVAL**

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18 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, 6:30 PM

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20 GRANDPARENTS & KINSHIP CAREGIVER'S RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP, 10 AM -11:30 AM, BLADEN COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING

21 ELIZABETHTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETS, 5 PM, BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

22 "PUSHING BACK THE DARK" BEGINS, 8PM, ELIZABETHTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD

23 "PUSHING BACK THE DARK" ENDS, 6AM, ELIZABETHTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD; VETERANS CELEBRATION, 8:30 PM, CAMP CLEARWATER

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25 **MEMORIAL DAY-COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED**

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27 **MAY LUNCH & LEARN**

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30 "PLANET EARTH", 7:30 PM, JONES LAKE STATE PARK 31

MOM  
Happy Mother's Day

