

TEAM BLADEN

November 2016
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

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GET READY TO VOTE



Tuesday
November 8
2016



Bladen County, North Carolina
Precinct names, Locations and Codes

<u>PRECINCTS</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>STREET ADDRESS</u>
ABBOTTS	P10	Community Bldg., 13670 Twisted Hickory Rd., Bladenboro, NC 28320
BETHEL	P15	Lions Club Bldg., 120 2 nd St. Dublin, NC 28332
BLADENBORO #1	P201	Historical Bldg., 818 S. Main St. Bladenboro, NC 28320
BLADENBORO #2	P202	Old Spaulding-Monroe School, 508 MLK Dr. Bladenboro, NC 28320
BROWN MARSH	P25	Town Hall, 81 N. Elm St. Clarkton, NC 28433
CARVERS CREEK	P30	East Arcadia School, 21451 NC 87 Hwy E. Riegelwood, NC 28456
CENTRAL	P35	Shriner's Bldg., 2016 NC 242 Hwy N. Elizabethtown, NC 28337
COLLY	P40	Fire Dept., 1879 White Lake Dr. White Lake, NC 28337
CYPRESS CREEK	P45	Hickory Grove Fire Dept., 132 NC 210 Hwy W. Garland, NC 28441
ELIZABETHTOWN #1	P501	Bld Cty Recreation Dept. Gym, 803 W. King St Elizabethtown, NC 28337
ELIZABETHTOWN #2	P502	Powell-Melvin Agri. Serv. Cen., 450 Smith Cir. Elizabethtown, NC 28337
FRENCHES CREEK	P55	Kelly Fire Dept., 18628 NC 53 Hwy E. Kelly, NC 28448
HOLLOW	P60	Municipal Bldg., 14867 NC 87 Hwy. W. Tar Heel, NC 28448
LAKE CREEK	P65	Bay Tree Fire Department, 12717 NC 41 Hwy E. Harrells, NC 28444
TURNBULL	P70	Ammon Comm. Bldg. 120 Ammon Comm. Cent. Rd. Garland, NC 28441
WHITES CREEK	P75	Lisbon Fire Dept., 2585 White Plains Church Rd. Clarkton, NC 28433
WHITE OAK	P80	Ruritan Bldg., 9579 NC 53 Hwy. W. White Oak, NC 28399

NO PHOTO ID NEEDED TO VOTE

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

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

SBE: Statement on Security at Polling Places

The State Board of Elections is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all voters. Security at polling places is primarily the responsibility of county elections officials in coordination with local law enforcement.

Aware of heightened security concerns this election season, the State Board of Elections office has taken steps to ensure the safety of voters, observers and poll workers during the voting process.

The agency is in communication with state law enforcement officials to share information regarding election laws, including the requirement that advocacy groups stay within designated electioneering areas outside the voting place. The State Board is issuing guidance regarding conduct expected of individuals outside voting locations throughout early voting and on Election day. That guidance will be posted on the board's web-site, www.ncsbe.gov.

"The State Board of Elections is dedicated to ensuring that voters have a safe, positive experience at early voting sites and on Election Day," said Kim Westbrook Strach, executive director of the State Board of Elections. **"As the 2016 general election approaches, we encourage everyone to help us ensure that all North Carolinians are treated with courtesy and respect at the polls."**

On July 29, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit struck down photo ID requirements and other elections procedures enacted under S.L. 2013-381 and amended by S.L. 2015-103. Barring any alternative outcome on appeal, the following are no longer enforceable:

- o Photo ID requirement contained in Part 2 of Session Law 2013-381, as amended by Session Law 2015-103;
- o Removal of preregistration contained in Part 12 of Session Law 2013-381;
- o Elimination of same-day registration contained in Part 16 of Session Law 2013-381;
- o Changes to early voting contained in Part 25 of Session Law 2013-381; and
- o Elimination of out-of-precinct voting contained in Part 49 of Session Law 2013-381

The district court order is available at
https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Training/ORDER_dist_2016-07-29.PDF



FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Centers Change Hours of Operation

RALEIGH, N.C. – FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Centers will reflect new operational hours in all North Carolina counties hosting them. Beginning Monday, Oct. 31, the new hours will be Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice.

North Carolina residents, who suffered losses and damage as a result of Hurricane Matthew can receive help applying for federal assistance, learn about the types of assistance available, the appeals process and get updates regarding their applications at any of the DRCs operating six days a week in the impacted counties.

All DRCs are staffed with representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, North Carolina Emergency Management and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

To locate a DRC nearest to you, call [800-621-3362](tel:800-621-3362) or download the FEMA mobile app. If you have access to a computer, you can go online to www.ReadyNC.gov.

If you have phone and/or internet access, you may register in one of the following ways:

-Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.

-Call the FEMA Helpline at [800-621-3362](tel:800-621-3362). It is the same number if you use 711 or Video Relay Service.

-Call [800-462-7585](tel:800-462-7585) if you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and you use a TTY.

-Download the FEMA Mobile App and apply.

Survivors requiring a reasonable accommodation such as American Sign Language interpreting, Braille large print, etc. while visiting a disaster recovery center may call the Helpline number for support. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. Help is available in most languages, and information on the registration process is available in ASL at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/111546>.

FEMA financial disaster assistance are grants that do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is non- taxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

Survivors should register even if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but underinsured applicants may receive help after their claims have been settled.

For more information on the North Carolina recovery, visit www.readync.org and fema.gov/disaster/4285.

FEMon [Twitter](https://twitter.com/femaregion4) at [@femaregion4](https://twitter.com/femaregion4) and North Carolina Emergency Management at [@ncemergency](https://twitter.com/ncemergency).

<http://www.bladenonline.com/femastate-disaster-recovery-centers-change-hours-of-operation/>

HOW DO I APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE?



Apply at www.DisasterAssistance.gov



Call 800-621-FEMA (3362)



Help is available in most languages



The TTY number is 800-462-7585 by. If you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 800-621-3362

When you apply, we will ask for the following information:

- The address of your damaged home or apartment
- Names of people living in your household
- A description of your disaster damages
- Insurance information
- Your Social Security Number
- A telephone number where we can reach you or leave a message

- An address where you can get mail
- If you want your disaster assistance funds sent directly to your bank, provide the FEMA agent:
 - your bank account type
 - account number
 - routing number

When you apply, you will be given a FEMA application number. Write down your application number and save it for future reference. You will need the application number whenever you contact FEMA.



FEMA

As part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the organization that acts as coordinator of disaster recovery efforts. FEMA partners with local, state, and other federal agencies to help those who are affected by federally declared disasters and who qualify for temporary financial and/or direct assistance. FEMA's Individual & Households Program is one of many elements that may be available for recovery support.

Insurance is essential in any recovery process. If you've been affected by the disaster, make sure you call your insurance company and file a claim. Only damages that are not covered by insurance can qualify for FEMA disaster assistance. By law we can not duplicate benefits.

If you move after applying for assistance, be sure to let FEMA know your new address and telephone number(s). This will ensure that all disaster awards get to you without delay.

IMPORTANT:

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.



VETERANS DAY

By Cheryl Dyson

On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
And all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights,
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name,
We thank **ALL** veterans just the same.



Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

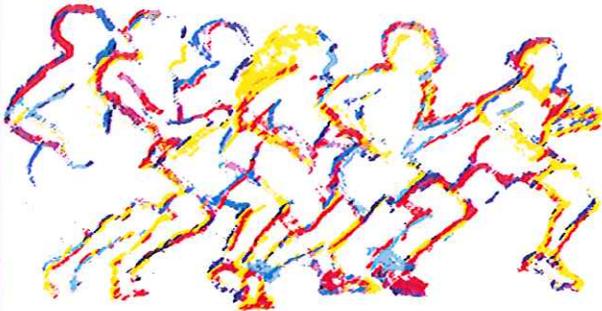
VETERANS DAY FACTS

- In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.
- Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11

VETERANS STATS

The brave men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors and coworkers, and an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the current veteran population of the United States.

- 9.2 million veterans are over the age of 65.
- 1.9 million veterans are under the age of 35.
- 1.8 million veterans are women.
- 7.8 million veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975), which represents 33% of all living veterans.
- 5.2 million veterans served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present).
- 2.6 million veterans served during World War II (1941-1945).
- 2.8 million veterans served during the Korean War (1950-1953).
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- As of 2008, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- 5 states have more than 1 million veterans in among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.



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

Saturday, November 19, 2016

starting at 9 AM

at the Elizabethtown Industrial Park

in cooperation with Bladen County 4-H

United Way



All proceeds benefit the United Way of Bladen County.

Individual Registration \$20

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

T-Shirt Size _____ email address _____

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

Names:	Gender:	T-Shirt Size:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Register by September 30th to guarantee your t-shirt size.

T-Shirt Sizes are Youth or Adult, S,M,L, XL, XXL

Please sign Waiver of Liability:

I understand that participation in the United Way Crazy Fun Color Run & Walk on November 19, 2016, in Elizabethtown, NC, and any road race or obstacle course, is a potentially hazardous activity, and that I, or any registered party that I registered should not enter the event unless both are medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by the decision of any Race Official relative to my ability to safely complete the race. I understand that the event may be held on public roads and facilities that are open to the public during the event, and that hazards may occur. I assume all risks associated with running, walking, and obstacles in the run-walk. This includes, but is not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, (including high heat, humidity, and/or low temperatures), vehicular traffic, conditions of the road or course, and all other risks being known and appreciated by me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date: _____

(Signature of Parent or Guardian for participants Under the Age of 18)

Please make checks payable to: UNITED WAY OF BLADEN COUNTY

Return form to: United Way of Bladen County

401 Mercer Mill Road or PO Box 2636; Elizabethtown, NC

For more information contact Bob Mundy at 910 876-3720

Thank you!



Information courtesy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Con-

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National Ameri-

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and on the second Monday of October in Canada. Several other places around the world observe similar celebrations. Thanksgiving has its historical roots in religious and cultural traditions and has long been celebrated in a secular manner as well.

History

Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests and at other times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late-November date on which the modern Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated.

In the United States

In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly, but not universally, traced to a sparsely documented 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. The 1621 Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest. Pilgrims and Puritans who began emigrating from England in the 1620s and 1630s carried the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to New England. Several days of Thanksgiving were held in early New England history that have been identified as the "First Thanksgiving", including Pilgrim holidays in Plymouth in 1621 and 1623, and a Puritan holiday in Boston in 1631.

FIVE BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

1. Set a budget

It is very easy to get carried away if you don't set a spending limit for yourself. But remember – even if something is heavily discounted, if it's outside your budget, it's still overspending! Consider whether it's something you really need. Would you still covet the items you're buying if they were full price?

2. Compare your prices beforehand

If you have a particular purchase in mind, be prepared to shop around to get the best bargain. Have a figure in mind you are willing to spend, and check around retailers. Is it cheaper to buy it online? Don't forget to factor in delivery costs if you are going to buy anything online too, as it could add on a fair amount if you are not careful.

3. Consider how you're paying

It could be a good idea to pay for items with your credit card – but only if you are able to pay it off in full. This is because credit cards give you an extra layer of protection.

If you use your credit card to buy something costing over £100 and up to £30,000, you're covered by Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act. It means the credit card company has equal responsibility (or 'liability') with the seller if there's a problem with the things you've bought or the company you've bought them from fails.

4. Know your rights

The Consumer Rights Act 2015 says goods should be of satisfactory quality, fit to do the job intended, and last a reasonable length of time. If your goods break within six months, you can take them straight back to the shop – and it's up to them to prove the appliance wasn't faulty when you bought it. Your rights are extended when you buy a product online and you can return non-faulty items too. For example your decision may be based on a brief description or photography, so what you receive might not always be quite what you expected. Under the Consumer Contracts Regulations, you have the right to return your order up to 14 days from the day you receive your goods.

5. Be careful of extended warranties

Extended warranties are insurance policies that cover you for repair costs after the retailer's or manufacturer's warranty has expired. **But you already have statutory rights under the Consumer Rights Act for faulty products, so think carefully about whether you need one before getting them – they can often be quite expensive.**



LU MIL VINEYARD Christmas Light Show

Sat & Sun - November 26 & 27
Thurs-Sun - December 1 - 4 & 8 - 11
Nightly - December 15 - 23



*DRIVE THRU FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

6pm-10pm \$6 per person

Drive your own vehicle thru the hundreds of thousands of lights & decorations that are synchronized to music that you listen to on your car's FM radio. Our magical experience will help create unforgettable family memories for all ages! \$6 per person (tax included) with a max. of \$60 per vehicle (vans & buses).

Rent our double-decker bus for \$6/person with a min. of 20 people. Bus reservations required 48 hrs in advance (910-862-1603)

*COUNTRY BUFFET

5pm-9pm \$11 plus tax



*VISIT SANTA IN THE CANDY SHOP
*GIFT BASKETS & UNIQUE ITEMS



Free Wine Tastings & Gift Shop Open Daily

"Vineyard Cabins"



- *Red Heart Shaped Whirlpool Tub
- *Nightly Rentals
- *Gift Certificates Available
- *Call 910-862-1603 for reservations

910-866-5819

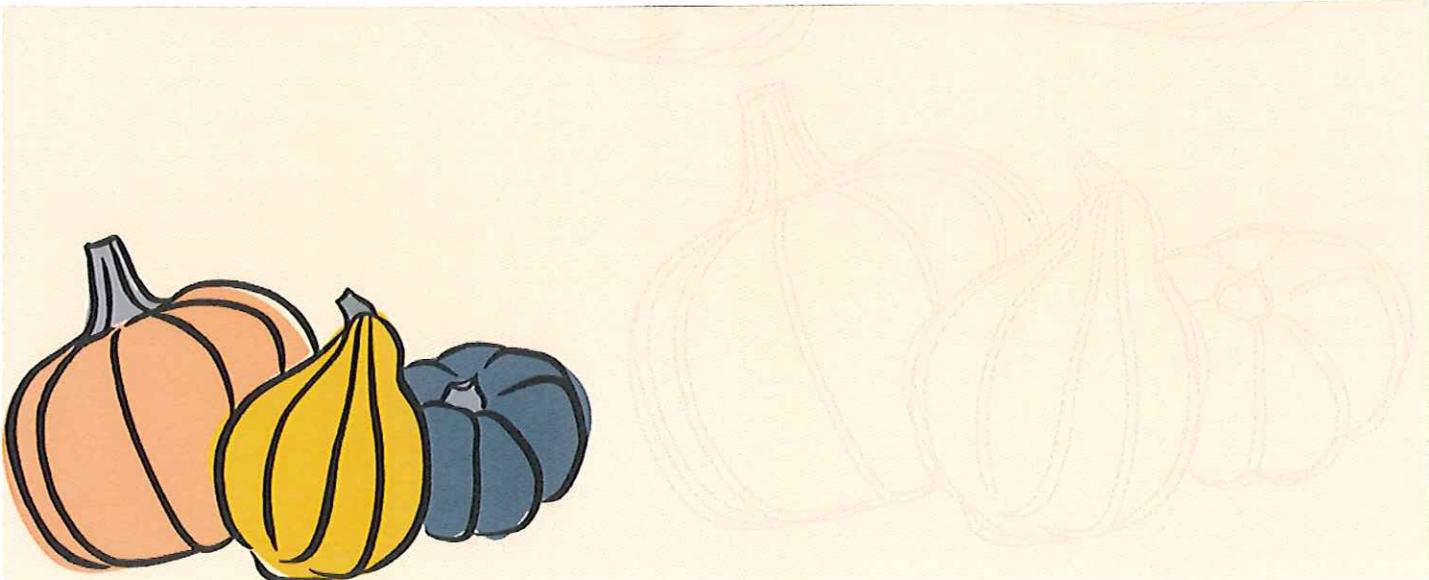
www.lumilvineyard.com

GPS Address: 438 Suggs-Taylor Road, Elizabethtown, NC 28337



November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3 <u>6pm - Southeastern Partnership Annual Meeting, Cape Fear Vineyard & Winery, Elizabethtown</u>	4	5
6	7 <u>8:00am - Prayer Service</u>	8	9 <u>11am - Veterans Day Celebration, National Guard Armory, Elizabethtown</u>	10 <u>6pm - BCC Foundation "Seafood & Sunset", The Venue at Regal Resort, White Lake</u> <u>7pm - Bladen Fire Association, Carvers Creek Fire Dept.</u>	11 <u>Veterans Day - Offices Closed</u>	12
13	14 <u>6:30pm - Board of Commissioners Meeting (Rescheduled from 11/07/16)</u>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <u>6:30pm - Board of Commissioners Meeting</u>	22	23	24 <u>Thanksgiving - Offices Closed</u>	25 <u>Thanksgiving - Offices Closed</u>	26
27	28	29	30			



Happy
THANKSGIVING

