



TEAM BLADEN

OCTOBER 2015
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

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KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Bladen County Public Library

111. N. Cypress Street

Elizabethtown, NC 28337

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

6 PM

COME DRESSED FOR TRICKS AND TREATS!

Parents **MUST** accompany children to this event.



**PLEASE CALL 910-862-6990 TO MAKE A
RESERVATION IN ADVANCE!**



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same. We have made a lot of progress but still have a long way to go and need your help!



FACTS ABOUT BREAST CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES

- One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women.
- Each year it is estimated that over **220,000** women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than **40,000** will die.

Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated **2,150** men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately **410** will die each year.

For more information please visit: <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>

BREASTS CANCER IS A GLOBAL BURDEN



According to the World Health Organization, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide, claiming the lives of hundreds of thousands of women each year and affecting countries at all levels of modernization. In recent years, perhaps coinciding with the decline in prescriptive hormone replacement therapy after menopause, we have seen a gradual reduction in female breast cancer incidence rates among women aged 50 and older. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990, in part to better due to screening and early detection, increased awareness, and continually improving treatment options.

CAUSES OF BREAST CANCER: HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

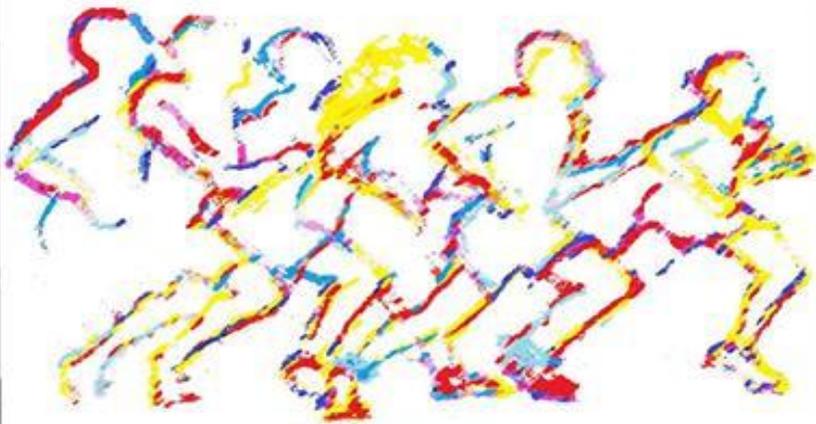
When you're told that you have breast cancer, it's natural to wonder what may have caused the disease. But no one knows the exact causes of breast cancer. Doctors seldom know why one woman develops breast cancer and another doesn't, and most women who have breast cancer will never be able to pinpoint an exact cause. What we do know is that breast cancer is always caused by damage to a cell's DNA.



KNOWN RISK FACTORS

Women with certain risk factors are more likely than others to develop breast cancer. A risk factor is something that may increase the chance of getting a disease. Some risk factors (such as drinking alcohol) can be avoided. But most risk factors (such as having a family history of breast cancer) can't be avoided. Having a risk factor does not mean that a woman will get breast cancer. Many women who have risk factors never develop breast cancer.

For more information please visit: <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>



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

Saturday,

October 3, 2015

starting at 9 AM

All proceeds benefit the
United Way of Bladen County.

**United
Way**



Levels of Sponsorship

___ \$1,000 Platinum Sponsor ___ \$250 Silver Sponsor

___ \$ 500 Gold Sponsor ___ \$100 Bronze Sponsor

Sponsorship Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Company: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to

UNITED WAY OF BLADEN COUNTY

Thank you for your support!

Return form to:

United Way of Bladen County

PO Box 2636, Elizabethtown, NC 28337



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



to benefit United Way of Bladen County

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to G. S. 163-279 (a) (1) & (3), that a municipal election will be held in Bladen County on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015**. All municipal precincts will be open for the voting public that lives in the **city limits only** from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The last day for citizen of Bladen County to register to vote in this election is **October 9, 2015**. The following offices will be submitted to the voters:

Towns Offices Precincts

Town of Elizabethtown Mayor Elizabethtown #1

Town Council Members Recreation Dept. Gym

803 W. King St

Elizabethtown #2

450 Smith Circle

Town of Bladenboro Town Commissioners (3) Bladenboro #1

Unexpired Term (1) Historical Building

818 Main Street

Town of Clarkton Town Commissioners (1) Brown Marsh Town Hall

81 N. Elm Street

Town of Dublin Mayor Bethel

Town Commissioner (2) Lion Club Building

120 2nd Street

Town of East Arcadia Mayor East Arcadia Town Hall

Town Commissioners (3) 1516 East Arcadia Road

Unexpired Term (1)

Town of Tar Heel Mayor Hollow

Town Commissioners (3) Municipal Building

14867 NC 87 Hwy W

Town of White Lake Mayor

Town Commissioners (3) Colly

White Lake Fire Dept.

1879 White Lake Dr.

ABSENTEE VOTING PERMITTED

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The last day to request an absentee application by mail ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2015. One-stop voting will be from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and begins Thursday, October 22, 2015. The last day for One-Stop voting is 8:30 a.m. until **1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2015.** **The early voting site for all municipalities will be located at the Bladen County Library, 111 N. Cypress St. Elizabethtown, NC 28337 this is in lieu of the Bladen County Board of Elections Office.**

One-Stop Same Day Registration

An individual who is qualified to register to vote may register in person and then vote at the one-stop voting site during the period of one-stop absentee voting only.

Elimination of One-Stop and Mail Absentee

The Town Boards of Dublin, East Arcadia and Tar Heel Boards by Resolution has voted to eliminate One-Stop and Mail Absentee voting. The only option for registered voters living within the city limits of the above mentioned towns is to vote on (Election Day) Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Absentee Counting

A resolution to begin counting of absentee ballots has been adopted by the Bladen County Board of Elections and will begin at 2:00 p.m. November 3, 2015, at the Board of Elections Office, 301 S. Cypress St., Elizabethtown, NC 28337.

Bobby Ludlum, Chairman

Bladen County Board of Elections

Bladen County Board of Elections

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Deputy Director – Marsha White

Asst. Deputy Director – Valeria N. Peacock

PO Box 512
301 S. Cypress St
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Phone - 910-862-6951 Fax - 910-862-7820

elections@bladenco.org



BE SEEN. BE HEARD.

VOTE WITH ID
in North Carolina

NC VOTER ID

BEGINNING IN 2016, MOST VOTERS WILL NEED TO SHOW ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID AT THE POLLS.



NC DRIVERS LICENSE/PERMIT
(may be expired up to 4 years)



NC IDENTIFICATION CARD
(may be expired up to 4 years)



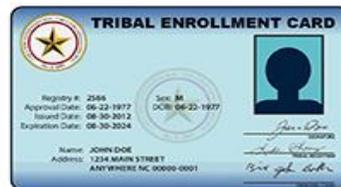
US PASSPORT/PASSPORT CARD
(unexpired)



MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD
(unexpired, if there is an expiration date)



VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD
(unexpired, if there is an expiration date)



CERTAIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARDS
(** see requirements below)

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE OF THESE FORMS OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE NC IDENTIFICATION CARD FROM THE DMV.

UNABLE TO GET AN ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?

Voters who are unable to obtain an acceptable photo ID due to a **reasonable impediment** may still vote a provisional ballot at the polls. A reasonable impediment may include the lack of proper documents, family obligations, transportation problems, work schedule, illness or disability, among others. Voters must also:

- (1) Sign a declaration describing the impediment they face; and
- (2) Provide their date of birth and last four digits of their Social Security number, or present their current voter registration card, or present a copy of an acceptable document with their name and address.*

VOTING ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL?

Photo ID is not required to cast a mail-in absentee ballot. Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available online, at the county board of elections and at all one-stop early voting locations, and can be submitted until 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the date of the election.

OVER THE AGE OF 70?

Voters who are 70 years of age or older may use **any acceptable photo ID** that has been expired for any length of time, provided the photo ID expired after their 70th birthday.

* Acceptable documents include a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

** Cards issued by North Carolina-recognized tribes and approved by the State Board of Elections are acceptable for voting if they are unexpired. Cards issued by federally-recognized tribes are acceptable if they are unexpired, or if they have an issuance date and were issued within eight years.

FORGOT YOUR ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?

Voters who do not present an acceptable photo ID at the polling place may still vote a provisional ballot that will be counted if the voter later presents an acceptable photo ID at their county board of elections office before noon on the day before their county board canvasses the election.

QUALIFIED TO VOTE CURBSIDE?

Voters who cannot enter the polling place without assistance because of age or disability may vote from their vehicle. Those voters may present either an acceptable photo ID or another acceptable document with their name and address.*

OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES?

Additional options exist for voters with a sincerely held religious objection to being photographed, voters who are victims of certain declared natural disasters, and newly registered voters who possess a drivers license or non-operators license issued within the United States. For details, visit www.VoterID.nc.gov.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID OR HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Elections

WWW.VOTERID.NC.GOV

1-866-522-4723



U PICK GRAPES - READY NOW!!!

Mon.-Sat. 10am-6pm

Sunday 1pm-6pm

Grape Stompin' Good Time!!!

NC Grape Festival

**Saturday, October 10, 2015
8:00am to 3:00pm**



*****Community Yard Sale-Clean out your attic, closets, barns or bring any business overstock items you would like to clear out - Call for a free yard sale or vendor space at 910-866-5819**

SPACE IS FREE & SETUP BEGINS AT 6:00am



*****Grape Stomp Competition
***Entertainment**



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF GREAT FAMILY FUN & ENTERTAINMENT!!!

Lu Mil Vineyard - Dublin, NC

910-866-5819 www.lumilvineyard.com

BLADEN COUNTY YOUTH FOCUS PROJECT, INC.
1360 MARTIN L. KING, JR. DR.
ELIZABETH TOWN, NC 28337
(910) 872 –5333

“Providing prevention and intervention for at risk
youth, young adults and families in our community”.

BCTS-BCHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
555 MCLEAN ROAD
ELIZABETH TOWN, NC 28337
(910) 588– 4423

“FORWARD LEST WE FORGET”

“OCTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

10:00 AM –3:00 PM

**PAUL R. BROWN BUILDING
1360 MARTIN L. KING, JR. DRIVE
ELIZABETH TOWN, NC 28337**

**VENDORS WELCOME
CALL 910-872-1712**

SPONSORED BY:

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BCTS-BCHS ALUMNI ASSOC.**

**BOUNCE HOUSE
FACE PAINTING
THREE POINT SHOOTOUT
CONTEST
HORSESHOE CONTEST
SACK RACE

FOOD & OTHER GAMES**

3rd Annual Roger's Wish Project

September 15 through October 31st

Bladen Journal Office
138 W. Broad Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Donations of new or lightly used blankets
and sleeping bags.

Seafood & Sunset - Oct. 1st

Camp Clearwater

6pm

Bladen Community College Foundation
Fall Fundraiser Call: 910 879-5519

FRIENDS OF THE BAY LAKES FALL FESTIVAL - COME JOIN US ON HALLOWEEN FOR FUN & GAMES!

<http://bladencountytimes.com/>

We will be having a COSTUME CONTEST at 1 PM, HAYRIDES, LOTS OF GAMES, CAKEWALKS (every 15 minutes), HIKES WITH THE RANGERS, ANIMAL EXHIBITS & MORE! TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR THE GAME PARTICIPATION AT 50 CENTS EACH or \$5.00 WRISTBANDS FOR UNLIMITED GAMES (Cakewalk excluded). LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!!!!!! HOTDOGS, CHIPS & SODAS AVAILABLE FOR SALE. COME DRESSED IN YOUR COSTUME AND HAVE SOME FALL FUN IN THE PARK WITH US ON HALLOWEEN!



Where: JONES LAKE STATE PARK, 4117 Highway 242 North Elizabethtown, NC 28337, (910) 588-4550.

When: OCTOBER 31, 2015 Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

PLEASE CALL TO PRE-REGISTER

“Howl-O-Ween” Dog Costume Contest at Bladenboro Beast Fest

<http://bladenonline.com/>

Anyone who gets a kick out of dressing up their “fur-babies” will surely take pleasure in participating in this year’s **“Howl-O-Ween” Dog Costume Contest**. Our goal is to raise awareness of animal abuse and to raise funds for injured and neglected animals in our county.

Award trophies and special “doggy” prizes will be given to the first 3 places as ranked by our independent judges and will be based on a point scale of 0 to 5 per category:

- 1) Costume (creativity, uniqueness)
- 2) Temperament (sociability, leash walking, obeying simple commands: sit, lay, stay)
- 3) Talent (other than obeying simple commands)

Entry forms are available on Bladen Online and at www.borobooster.org.

Paper forms will also be available at Bladenboro Town Hall, Bladenboro Hardware or Bladen County Animal Control in Elizabethtown.

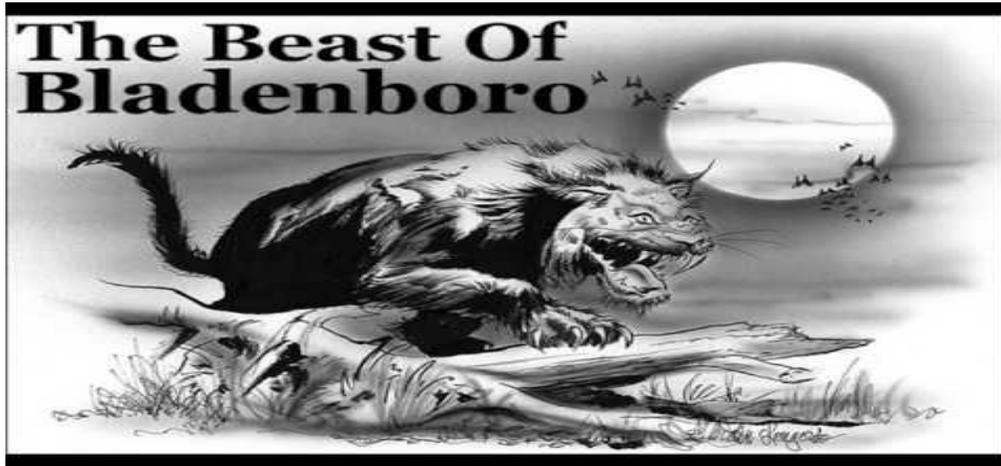
100% of the entry fees will go to Bladen County Animal Control to provide care and relocation for many of our county’s injured neglected and abused animals.

Registration fee is \$20 and must be received by end of day on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

Complete registration and make checks payable to: **Boost the Boro, Inc.**

PO Box 771

Bladenboro, NC 28320



Bladenboro BEAST FEST 5K Fun Run

Saturday October 31st, 2015

8:30am Starting line will begin at the Town Hall of Bladenboro

All ages are welcome to come out and RUN, WALK ,or BRING STROLLERS.

\$20 Individual Registration

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

Beast Feast in Bladenboro will be Saturday, October 31st. The committee plans to have Round Branch Male Church Chorus, Black Water Rhythm & Blues Band, and Johnny and Earl from Lizard Lick and the Lizard Lick truck as entertainment at the festival. They are also planning a Howl-O-Ween contest for pets and a costume contest for children. The plan is to have rides, inflatables, horse and carriage rides, ponies and camels rides, and a car show for new and classic cars with trophies to be won.

For more information and registration forms please visit:

<http://www.borobooster.org/>

Bladen County Health & Human Resources Director Resigns



Cris Harrelson announced his resignation on Monday, September 21, 2015 at the regular meeting of the Bladen County Commissioners, as the director for the Bladen County Health & Human Resources Department. Harrelson has been the director for two years and his last working day with the county is Friday, October 9, 2015. He said his new position will be the Health Director for Brunswick County Health and Human Services, beginning on Monday, October 12. Harrelson is originally from Bladen County and has over 21 years of local and state Public Health experience. An interim director has not yet been determined.

(Photo Courtesy of Bladen Journal)

Sheriff James A. McVicker Sworn in as Bladen Community College Trustee

Sheriff James McVicker was sworn in as the Bladen Community College Trustee on Tuesday, September 22nd. The Bladen County Sheriff has more than 40 years experience in law enforcement. Appointed to the position by North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory, McVicker assumes the position immediately.

(Photo Courtesy of Bladen Co. Times)





Ticket Type



ADVANCE Price*

(Aug. 3 - Oct. 15 at 11:59 p.m.)

GATE Price

(Oct. 16-25)

ONLINE

Price**

(Oct. 16-25)

Adult (ages 13-64)

\$8

\$10

\$9

Military Adult (ages 13-64)

N/A

\$6

N/A

Child (ages 6-12)

\$3

\$5

\$4

Child (ages 5 & under)

Free

Free

Free

Senior Adult (ages 65+)

Free

Free

Free

Group Adult (40 or more tickets.)
Advance sales only

\$6

N/A

N/A

Group Child (ages 6-12; 40 or
more tickets.) *Advance sales only*

\$2

N/A

N/A



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

Commemorating a conflagration

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

The 'Moo' myth

Like any good story, the 'case of the cow' has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out - or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze. Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she'd been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening.

But if a cow wasn't to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years, journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Others believed that a neighbor of the O'Leary's may have started the fire. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on October 8, starting several fires that day - in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

Plan ahead

Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. Here are dates for future FPW campaigns:

2016: October 9-15
2017: October 8-14



Bladen County will be having “PINK FRIDAY’S” for the Month of **October** for **Breast Cancer Awareness Month!** All employees are asked to wear **PINK** for every **Friday** in **October**.

Our Bladen County Department of Health and Human Services Facebook page will be full of information regarding Breast Cancer Awareness also so please read along in October to learn more!

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-National Breast Cancer Awareness.org



October 2015

- 1 - 6 PM Seafood & Sunset, BCC Foundation Fundraiser, Camp Clearwater
- 2 - Robeson County Fair Begins, Lumberton, NC
- 3- 9 AM “Crazy Fun 5K Color Run & Walk” , Elizabethtown Industrial Park
10 AM Centennial Celebration of Cape Fear Lock & Dam #1, Rieglewood, NC
4 PM “Fall Fling” Elizabethtown Farmer’s Market
- 5 - 8:15 AM Prayer Service
5 PM Four County EMC’s Annual Membership Meeting, Elizabethtown Middle School
- 6 - 6:30 PM Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 7 - 9 AM Annual Ag’Em Up Day, Bladen County Park
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7 PM Bladen County Fire Assn, Elizabethtown Fire Dept.
- 10 - 8 AM “The NC Grape Festival”, Lu Mil Vineyard, Dublin, NC ; 9 AM How to Expand Your eBay Business Seminar, BCC
- 12 - 5:30 PM Elizabethtown Planning Board Meeting; 6 PM Board of Education Meeting
7 PM Elizabethtown Town Council Meeting
- 13 - 6:30 PM Cookbook Club Meeting, Bladen County Public Library, Main Branch
Columbus County Agriculture Fair
- 14 - 10 AM Safe Kids Meeting, Bladen County Health Dept.; Bladen Co. Shrine Club Fish Fry
- 15 - N.C. State Fair Begins, Raleigh, NC
- 17- 10 AM- 3 PM “Octoberfest”, 1360 MLK Jr. Dr. Elizabethtown, NC
- 19 - 5 PM Report to the People, NC Cooperative Extension, Powell-Melvin Extension
6:30 PM Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 22- 6 PM Kid’s Halloween Party, Bladen County Public Library, Main Branch
One Stop Voting Begins, Bladen County Public Library, Main Branch
- 23— Early Release Day for Students
1 PM “Shoo Flu Drive”, Bladen County Health Department
- 25— N.C. State Fair Ends, Raleigh, NC
- 31— HALLOWEEN; Bladenboro Beast Festival & 5K Fun Run
One Stop Voting Ends, Bladen County Public Library, Main Branch
10 AM Friends of the Bay Lakes Fall Festival, Jones Lake State Park