



Team Bladen

September 2014
Bladen County
Government Newsletter

National Preparedness Month

Since its inception in 2004, by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness month is observed each September in the United States of America. During this time, Americans are encouraged to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities. FEMA's Ready Campaign, the correlating public education outreach campaign, disseminates information to help the general public prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. The national preparedness architecture encompasses:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Response
- &
- Recovery Efforts

to prepare the United States for ALL hazards—whether terrorist attack or natural disaster.

Since September 11, 2011, the US Government has taken steps to encourage ALL Americans to make their own survival preparations.

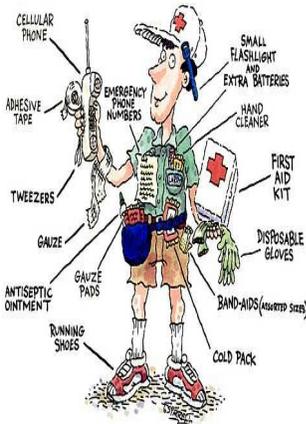


National Preparedness Month Coalition

Any organization can become a National Preparedness Month Coalition Member by agreeing to participate in a preparedness activity or event in the month of September. National Preparedness Month Coalition members have agreed



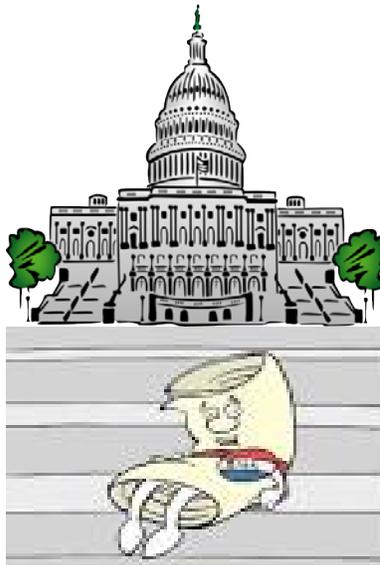
to promote emergency preparedness through a variety of different ways. Members can sponsor events, coordinate Disaster Preparedness Days, create Disaster Checklists, assist with the creation of emergency kits and survival kits, along with many other Preparedness activities. Will YOU be ready?



- Department Heads:
- Co. Manager* : Greg Martin
 - Animal Control* : Kory Hair
 - Building Inspections*: Matt Chadwick
 - Clerk of Courts*: Nikki Dennis
 - Computer Operations*: Robin Hewett
 - Consolidated Human Services*
 - Health*: Cris Harrelson
 - DSS*: Vickie Smith
 - Economic Development*: Chuck Heustess
 - Elections*: Cynthia Shaw
 - Emergency Services*: Fire: Bradley Kinlaw
 - EMS*: David Howell, Jr.
 - Extension*: Ryan Harrelson
 - Finance*: Lisa Coleman
 - Human Resources*: Amy Pharr
 - Library*: Operations: Robert Mazur
 - Planning*: Greg Elkins
 - Recreation*: Grant Pait
 - Register of Deeds*: Beverly Parks
 - Revenue*: Christopher Ellis
 - Senior Services*: Joan Allen
 - Soil & Water*: Dean Morris
 - Sheriff*: Prentis Benston
 - Water*: Randy Garner

HONORABLE

Bryan Martin left his position as **Elizabethtown Zoning and Coding Enforcement Officer** on Friday, August 15, 2014 for a new employment opportunity in **Washington, D.C.** on Capital Hill. Prior to his departure, he was presented with a gift from the town by Mayor Sylvia Campbell at his last council meeting. Martin has taken an internship position with U.S. Representative Walter B. Jones' office and began August 19, 2014. He is a Bladen County native and earned his B.A. in Political Science from UNC-Chapel Hill.



2014 Governor's Award for Excellence



East Bladen High School honors graduate **Alexis Lacewell**, daughter of Charmonia Buie (DSS) and Marvin Lacewell Sr., was recently nominated for the **2014 Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development** as an "Outstanding Teen" through her dedication & hard work in the Bladen WIA Youth Program. Upon graduation from high school this year, Lacewell received at least eight scholarships towards her future educational endeavors. She was nominated for this prestigious award due to her outstanding achievements by **Bladen Community College**. In **October**, Governor Pat McCrory will officially present Lacewell with her award at the Workforce Development Conference in Greensboro, NC. She will be attending Appalachian State University where she intends to major in Molecular Biology this fall.

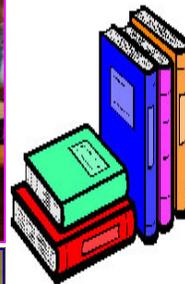
Welcome to new **Library**

Assistant, Brittany Simmons!

Simmons is a Bladen County Native and she is married to Josh Simmons and has two children, Hunter & Hayleigh.



Lieutenant Randy Sykes retired from the **Bladenboro Police Department** at the end of August with **20 years** of service as a police officer. Family and law enforcement officers from several departments celebrated Sykes with a BBQ dinner to mark this special occasion.



Congratulations to new **Elizabethtown Police Officers** **Conner Capshaw & James Dove.**

SEPTEMBER 2014

1 **LABOR DAY COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED**

2 Prayer Service, 8:15 a.m.

Board of Commissioners Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

3 Division Managers Meeting, 11 A.M.

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11 Cry Out America – Courthouse Lawn 12 P.M.

Bladen County Fire Assn. – Tar Heel 6 P.M.

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15 Board of Commissioners Meeting, 6:30 A.M.

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17 Grandparents & Kinship Caregivers Raising Grandchildren Support

Group Meeting, Division on Aging, 10 a.m.

18 Elizabethtown Library Board Meeting, 5 p.m.

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20 Dublin Peanut Festival, 10A.M.

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23 **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**

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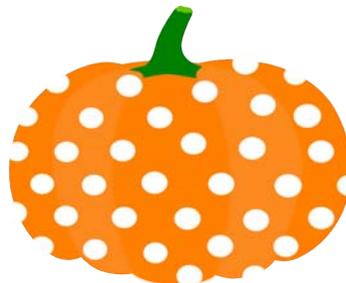
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The Dublin Peanut Fes-



The 22nd annual Dublin Peanut Festival will be celebrated on September 20, 2014 in the Peanut Capital of North Carolina. The parade will begin promptly at 10 am followed by a corn hole tournament, home baked cake sale, classic cruisers car show, tractor pull, games, vendors, & so much more!

The chairman of the Dublin Peanut Festival is **Donnie Todd** & the Co-Chairman is **Horace Wyatt**.

Please contact **Pete Batton**
(910) 876-1855

for more parade registration information!



Please feel free to contact

Tissie Mainess

(910) 872-0390

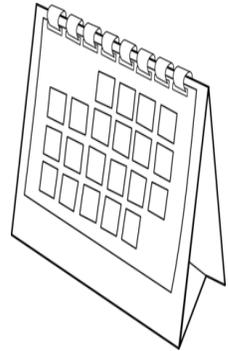
or **Donnie Todd**

(910) 648-2862

for vendor information & registration details!



The Dublin Peanut Festival Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday night of each month with the exception of October, December, & January. New members are welcome with new ideas at all times.



Tristan Andrew Britt has recently been named the 2014 Dublin Peanut Festival Scholarship winner. He was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$2000 to continue his academic endeavors at Bladen Community College. He is the son of Elvin & Tania Meares.



Britt pictured above with some members of the Dublin Peanut Festival Committee.



Dublin Elementary School will host the vendors & entertainment following the parade!



PEANUT BUTTER PINWHEEL COOKIES

Recipe by: Diana Rattray

<http://southernfood.about.com/od/pbcookies/r/bl30425g.htm>

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons of milk
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, sifted before measuring
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips (6 ounce package)

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 27 MINUTES



DIRECTIONS

Cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in peanut butter, egg, and milk. Sift dry ingredients together in a separate bowl then stir into creamed mixture. Place peanut butter cookie dough on lightly floured waxed paper and roll out into a 15x8-inch rectangle. Melt chocolate chips over hot water; cool slightly and spread over peanut butter cookie dough. Roll dough up jellyroll fashion, using waxed paper to help roll; wrap with waxed paper and chill 20 to 30 minutes. Slice cookie dough 1/4 inch thick. Bake on ungreased baking sheets at 375° for 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes about 48 peanut butter cookies.



NO BAKE CHOCOLATE COVERED BANANA DESSERT

Recipe by : Martha Stewart

If you have leftover melted chocolate, spread it on waxed paper until hardened; chop & reserve for sprinkling on ice cream or frozen yogurt.

PREP TIME: 20 MIN.

TOTAL TIME: 40 MIN

INGREDIENTS

- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 6 popsicle sticks or wooden skewers
- 2 bananas, peeled & cut crisscross into thirds

DIRECTIONS

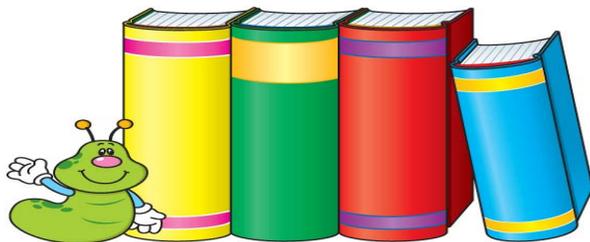
STEP 1: Place chocolate in heatproof bowl set over (not in) a pan of gently simmering water. Stir just until melted.

STEP 2: Line a baking sheet of waxed paper. Insert a popsicle stick in one end of each banana piece. Dip banana, one piece at a time, in chocolate, spooning on additional chocolate to cover.

STEP 3: Sprinkle each banana with peanuts, and set on prepared baking sheet. Refrigerate until chocolate is firm, 20 minutes, or up to 3 days.

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...because it takes **ALL** of us!



Library Hours

Bladen County Public Library

111 North Cypress Street

P.O. BOX 1419

Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Phone: 910-862-6990

Email: bcpl@bladenco.org

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. - 6:00p.m.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HI THERE! IT' S STORY TIME!



Rain, sleet, nor snow can stop us!

So come on out and have fun!

Where: Bladen County Pubic Library

When : Every Thursday Morning

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Age Limit: None



**** NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!****

Please contact Connie Hyatt

or Shannon McDonald

for further inquiries at 910-862-6990.