

# TEAM BLADEN

May 2017  
Bladen County  
Government Newsletter

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## MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

**May Is Mental Health Month:** Created in the 1950s, May is Mental Health Month is a month long education campaign to educate the general public about mental health, mental wellness and the ways they can keep their minds healthy. In 2014, this program reached over 6.9 million people through our network's marketing and distribution efforts, and we anticipate an even broader reach in 2015 due to an increase in the quality of marketing and the development of new resource materials. The 2015 May is Mental Health Month toolkit included fact sheets, a mental health tips calendar, posters, graphics and infographics, and sample press releases, newspaper articles, and a logic model for our affiliates to track their efforts and outcomes. The goal of this public education campaign is to provide updated, accurate resources for the general public to learn about mental health, and for advocates to promote the services that they provide in their local communities.

### **We spend a lot of time at work. Is your workplace mentally healthy? Do you Love or Hate your Job?**

Loving or hating a job can cause more or less stress in life. Did you know, **70% of those currently employed are searching for other jobs.**

Less than one-third of Americans are happy with their work. Half of the workforce is "checked-out." Eighteen percent are unhappy with their current position with some even sabotaging the success of their workplace. An unhappy or unhealthy work environment is bad for a business' bottom line and bad for employees.

Studies have shown being unhappy with or unfulfilled by work can take a toll on our health, relationships, and even lifespan. Those in unhealthy work environments tend to gain more weight, have more healthcare appointments, and have higher rates of absenteeism. Stress from work can also impact their family life, mental health, and even increase risks for chronic illnesses and heart attacks.

So what separates the few who are excited about their work from the majority of Americans? While there are some differences among age groups and types of employment, a healthy work environment is key to job satisfaction. The happiest employees tend to include interpersonal relationships, commitment to the organization, and a sense of meaning or purpose among the parts of their job with which they are most satisfied. Conversely, those leaving their jobs tend to cite lack of respect, teamwork, and potential for growth among top reasons for quitting.

## School Consolidation to be discussed at Community Forums



The Bladen County Schools Board of Education will be conducting four (4) community forums for the purpose of discussing school facilities, consolidation, and construction. The forums will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

May 1 at Tar Heel Middle School, 6:00 p.m.

May 2 at Clarkton School of Discovery, 6:00 p.m.

May 4 at East Arcadia School, 6:00 p.m.

May 9 at Elizabethtown Middle School, 6:00 p.m.

Persons living in or around these schools or who have an interest in public education in Bladen County are invited to attend.



**Friends of the Library**  
**General Interest Meeting**  
**To be Held**  
**at the Main Library in Elizabethtown**  
**on**  
**Thursday, May 4, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**For more information call: 910.862.6990**

# KIDS APPRECIATION DAY

HOSTED BY:

THE ELIZABETHTOWN POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS



SATURDAY MAY 6, 2017  
10:00a.m UNTIL 2:00p.m.



LOCATED BEHIND THE ELIZABETHTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!!!**



Come and join in the fun, we will have great food, games, prizes, face painting, pony rides, and bounce houses. Try your skill at the 3 point shootout or the homerun derby.

**(Trophies will be given for these events)**



# HERB GARDENING

Thursday, May 11, 2017

At

Bladen County Public Library

Elizabethtown, NC

6:00 p.m.



For more information call: 910-862-6990



# Mother's Day

**Mother's Day** is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Father's Day and Siblings Day. In the United States, celebration of Mother's Day began in the early 20th century. It is not related to the many celebrations of mothers and motherhood that have occurred throughout the world over thousands of years, such as the Greek cult to Cybele, the Roman festival of Hilaria, or the Christian Mothering Sunday celebration (originally a commemoration of Mother Church, not motherhood). In some countries, Mother's Day has become synonymous with these older traditions.

## Establishment of holiday

The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Today St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the US Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would have to proclaim also a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all US states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday, the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Jarvis' holiday was adopted by other countries, and it is now celebrated all over the world.

## Spelling

In 1912 Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases "second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day", and created the Mother's Day International Association. She specifically noted that "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor its own mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world.". This is also the spelling used by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in his 1914 presidential proclamation, by the U.S. Congress in relevant bills, and by various U.S. presidents in their proclamations concerning Mother's Day.

## Mother's Day in the United States

The United States celebrates Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. In 1872 Julia Ward Howe called for women to join in support of disarmament and asked for 2 June 1872, to be established as a "Mother's Day for Peace". Her 1870 "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world" is sometimes referred to as Mother's Day Proclamation. But Howe's day was not for honouring mothers but for organizing pacifist mothers against war. In the 1880s and 1890s there were several further attempts to establish an American "Mother's Day", but these did not succeed beyond the local level.

In the United States, Mother's Day remains one of the biggest days for sales of flowers, greeting cards, and the like; Mother's Day is also the biggest holiday for long-distance telephone calls. Moreover, churchgoing is also popular on Mother's Day, yielding the highest church attendance after Christmas Eve and Easter. Many worshippers celebrate the day with carnations, coloured if the mother is living and white if she is dead.

Mother's Day continues to be one of the most commercially successful U.S. occasions.

It is possible that the holiday would have withered over time without the support and continuous promotion of the florist industries and other commercial industries. Other Protestant holidays from the same time, such as Children's Day and Temperance Sunday, do not have the same level of popularity. Mother's Day is also prominent in the Sunday comic strips in the newspapers of the United States, expressing emotions ranging from sentimental to wry to caustic

## Celebrations

Mother's Day is celebrated in more than 46 countries throughout the world. On this day, most people pray in churches in honor of mothers, while some gift them presents on this day to express their love. Some consider having dinner at home with the family.

Mother's day card with a bunch of bouquet is also one of the most popular methods of celebrating mother's day. As it is a holiday, so some prefers to go out for a picnic to celebrate this festival. In schools, kids dedicate poem to their mother and also performs various roles on this day. Those who are good at cooking, serves the best dishes to their mom on Mother's day.





**39TH ANNUAL  
WHITE LAKE WATER  
FESTIVAL**

**MAY 19 - MAY 20**

**Water Festival Parade  
10 a.m.**

**White Lake, NC**

# Come Join The Fun! At WHITE LAKE

The Water Festival will offer a "Beer Garden" under the main tent this year in efforts to raise funds for additional events to the 40th Annual White Lake Water Festival scheduled for May, 2018. Individuals must be 21 years of age and older to purchase tickets for an alcoholic beverage. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed beyond a certain point of the festival site. The White Lake Water Festival remains a family friendly event designed to kick off the tourist season at White Lake. We look forward to this new addition to the festival and feel confident it will increase the number of spectators that come out to enjoy the music under the main tent.



## WLWF 2017 Sponsor List

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## 39TH ANNUAL



# 2017

## May 19-20, 2017

[www.whitelakewaterfestival.com](http://www.whitelakewaterfestival.com)

For More Information contact  
Elizabethtown - White Lake  
Area Chamber of Commerce  
**910-862-4368**

OR  
**910-874-0285**

[Tourism28337@embarqmail.com](mailto:Tourism28337@embarqmail.com)

## 39TH ANNUAL



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

Street Dance at Goldston's Beach  
featuring  
**"Southern Touch Band"**  
(FREE CONCERT) 7:00-9:00 pm  
Classic Car Cruise In  
6:30 pm  
Best in Show Award at 8:00 pm

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

Water Festival Parade 10:00 am  
2017 Grand Marshall is  
Mike Minter, Campbell University  
Head Football Coach  
(\*Meet & Greet\* under the main  
tent at Goldston's at 1 PM)

### White Lake Fire Department BBQ Fundraiser

\$7.00 per plate ~ 11:00 am - Until  
Special thank you to Rhonda Campbell  
for assisting with the donations from  
Smithfield

## ALL DAY FUN AT GOLDSTON'S BEACH INCLUDES:

Arts & Craft Vendors & Business Booth Displays  
Isabella the Clown - Amusement Rides  
Face Painting and Petting Zoo  
Live Entertainment 2 locations on site

### Lake Front Stage

Inyafaithradio Gospel Music	11:30 AM
Gaddis Family	12:30 PM
Elvis Tribute/Matt Spaulding	1-2 PM
Cissy Pater & Fayetteville Christian-Praise Band	2:30-3:30 PM
Gaddis Girls	4-5 PM



### MAIN TENT

Southern Touch Band	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Carolina Breakers	1 PM - 3 PM
Silk Groove	3 PM - 5 PM

(\*Times may vary slightly due to setting up equipment between performers)

### Semi-Professional Wrestling Arena

12:30 \* 2:30 \* 4:30

### Antique Tractors Display

Sponsored by Cape Fear Farm Heritage Association  
Tractors will be located at the Hwy 701 Site!

### Food Sales Sponsored by the White Lake Fire Department

#### Classic Car Show

Hwy 701 (across from Scotchman)

Registration: 8 am - 12 noon

\$20 per car

Judging begins at 12 noon

\*Trophies Awarded Immediately Following Judging

### Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull

Hwy 701 Site

2:00 pm - Until

**\$5.00 Admission**

### Saturday Night Dance at THE VENUE

featuring

**DJ BRIAN EVANS**

9 PM - 1 AM TICKETS: \$10 PER PERSON

COOLERS ALLOWED

NO GLASS CONTAINERS

**NO UNDERAGE DRINKING TOLERATED!**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the volunteers that work on the Water Festival committee for their time and commitment they make year after year to the success and growth of the festival. I would also like to thank the Town of White Lake for their ongoing support both financially and physically year to year for the Water Festival. Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Elizabethtown-White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. I also want to recognize and thank the Town of White Lake employees for all their hard work assisting me with the set up and break down of the festival site with Smith Creek for providing the ground contributions. Lastly a special thank you to all the sponsors of the 39th Annual White Lake Water Festival. I look forward to next year's festival and working with you all again.

Devin Marshall  
Water Festival Chairperson

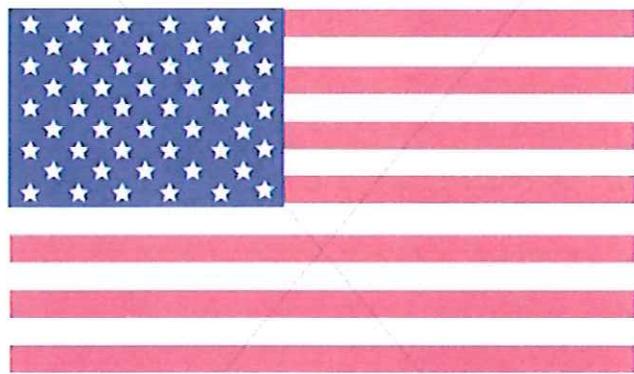
**Memorial Day** is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as **Decoration Day** after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, competing Union and Confederate holiday traditions, celebrated on different days, had merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. It marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Annual Decoration Days for particular cemeteries are held on a Sunday in late spring or early summer in some rural areas of the American South, notably in the mountain areas. In cases involving a family graveyard where remote ancestors as well as those who were deceased more recently are buried, this may take on the character of an extended family reunion to which some people travel hundreds of miles. People gather on the designated day and put flowers on graves and renew contacts with relatives and others. There often is a religious service and a picnic-like "dinner on the grounds," the traditional term for a potluck meal at a church. It is believed that this practice began before the American Civil War and thus may reflect the real origin of the "memorial day" idea.

Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

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BUT NEVER  
FORGOTTEN



**SALUTING THE VETERANS  
MEMORIAL DAY**