

Caring for your **FAMILY'S HEALTHCARE** needs doesn't have to mean a trip out of town. Most services your family needs can be found right here in **BLADEN COUNTY**.

Bladen County Hospital – Emergency Department, Medical/Surgical, Outpatient Surgery, Intensive Care Unit, Pediatrics, Sleep Lab, Obstetrics

Diagnostic Imaging – CT, MRI, ultrasound, digital mammography

Bladen Kids' Care – open six days a week for wellness and sick child care

Bladen Medical Associates – locations in Elizabethtown, Dublin and Bladenboro offering primary care for the whole family and an ExpressCare for walk-in service seven days a week

Bladen Surgical Specialists – inpatient and outpatient general surgery at Bladen County Hospital

Bladen Women's Health Specialists – obstetrics and gynecology, including deliveries in the newly-remodeled birthing suites at Bladen County Hospital

Cape Fear Valley Sleep Center – treatment for sleep and wakefulness disorders

> All Clinics are Departments of Cape Fear Valley Bladen County Hospital

Bladen County Hospital

501 Poplar Street Elizabethtown (910) 862-5100

Diagnostic Imaging

Bladen County Hospital 501 Poplar Street Elizabethtown (910) 862-5165

Bladen Women's Diagnostic Center

623 Cypress Street Elizabethtown (910) 862-1131

Bladen Medical Associates ExpressCare

107 E. Dunham Street Elizabethtown (910) 862-2122 Walk-in Clinic, 7 Days a Week

Bladen Kids' Care

300 A East McKay Street Elizabethtown (910) 862-8677

Bladen Surgical Specialists

300 A East McKay Street Elizabethtown (910) 862-1272

Bladen Medical Associates -Elizabethtown

300 A East McKay Street (910) 862-5500

Bladen Medical Associates -Bladenboro

1106 W. Seaboard Street (910) 863-3138

Bladen Medical Associates -Dublin

16 3^{nl} Street (910) 862-3528

Women's Health Specialists

300 McKay Street, Suite F Elizabethtown (910) 862-6672

Cape Fear Valley Sleep Center

Sleep Center: 107 E. Dunham Street Sleep Lab: 2nd Floor of Bladen County Hospital Elizabethtown (910) 615-3200

WELCOME

The Elizabethtown – White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome and introduce you to our southeastern North Carolina community. From the pristine water of the family resort of White Lake, to the fertile agricultural fields stretching across acres of Carolina farmland, Bladen County is a picturesque homeland.

Experience the charm of our downtown business district in the county seat of Elizabethtown. Marvel at the mystery of a landscape dotted with Carolina Bays, terrestrial curiosities that have given the land five area lakes of cosmic origin. Gaze upon field after field of vibrant agricultural produce that nourishes both the appetite and the soul. Walk through history in our carefully preserved and highly respected two-



hundred year old churches, homes and cemeteries. Visit North Carolina's protected and educational state parks.

Bladen County boasts of a progressive environment for growing and expanding businesses, unique recreational and relaxation escapes, and the highest regard for the American farmland. We are a small-town haven of Southern traditions, steeped in history and focused on a bright and ambitious future.

Perhaps, best of all, Bladen County is a community of hard-working people, friendly, warm, and quick to extend Southern Hospitality. Generations of families call Bladen County home while every passing year brings new faces into our area, looking for business opportunities, a strong school system, a new life adventure, or simply retirement.

We invite you now to browse through this guide and honor the history, anticipate the festivals, visit the sights, appreciate the landscape and savor the people.

Scan the QR Code for more information about Elizabethtown-White Lake areas on your mobile device



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ABOUT US

Located in southeastern North Carolina, Bladen County borders Robeson, Cumberland, Sampson, Columbus, and Pender Counties. It is 879 square miles in size and hosts a

population of approximately 32,000 people. Located 121 feet above sea level, Bladen County's expanse of farmland is a major contributor to the nation's production of peanuts, tobacco, grains, blueberries, cotton, poultry and hogs.

Elizabethtown, the county seat, has a population of approximately 4,000 people and is 3.2 square miles in size. Located on Business Highway 87, the town is almost exactly halfway between Fayetteville and Wilmington. The town and surrounding countryside are served by the Bladen Area **Rural Transportation System** (BARTS) and the Curtis L. Brown Airport, with a 5,000 foot concrete runway.

Highways 701 North and NC Highways 41 and 53, White Lake has boating, swimming and fishing opportunities. The lake is 1.5 miles wide, 2 miles long, and covers 1,065 acres.



The Cape Fear River, South River and Black River course through Bladen County, providing fishing and boating opportunities. Located on the Cape Fear River, the Lock and Dam # 2 is operated by the United States Army Corp of Engineers and is accessible to the public.

Nearby White Lake is a seasonal resort community of approximately 500 year-round residents. Located 7 miles north of Elizabethtown on

The surrounding communities of Bladenboro, Clarkton, Dublin, East Arcadia, Kelly, Lisbon and Tar Heel offer country living in small town environments.

FAST FACTS

ELIZABETHTOWN

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS: Hogs, peanuts, tobacco, grains, blueberries, cotton, poultry and poultry products, cattle

ALTITUDE: 121 feet above sea level

CHURCHES: Twenty-two, representing most denominations

CLIMATE: Average temperature: 63° F • Average rainfall: 49.06"

EDUCATION: County Schools: 7 Primary, 4 Middle, 2 High Schools • 1 Charter, 2 Private

GOVERNMENT: Mayor / Council / Manager

HIGHER EDUCATION: Bladen Community College and others in adjoining counties

INDUSTRY: Thirty-six county-wide—Products include: Cotton Yarn, Cabinetry and Office Furniture, Computing Devices, Lumber Products, Seat Covers, Mobile Generators, Robotic Systems, Plastic Casework, Peanut Products, Signs and Awning, Packing and Shipping Blueberries, Truck Leasing, Uniform Distribution

LIBRARY: Bladen County Library in Elizabethtown • Branches in Clarkton and Bladenboro

LOCATION: Southeastern North Carolina on US Hwy 701 and NC Hwys 87, 41, and 242

MEDICAL: Cape Fear Valley • Bladen Healthcare

NEWSPAPER: The Bladen Journal • Other state-wide papers available

POPULATION: Town: approximately 4,000 • County: approximately 32,000

RADIO: WBLA-AM 1440 Oldies and Beach • WGQR-FM 105.7 Christian/Gospel

RECREATION: Amusement parks and water sports at White Lake Resort, golf, fishing, bunting, shopping, restaurants, county-wide recreation programs, cable vision

RIVERS: Cape Fear River, South River, and Black River

SIZE: Town: 3.2 square miles • County: 879 square miles

-WHITE LAKE

ACCOMMODATIONS: Efficient Rooms, Apartments, Motels, Cottages, and Campgrounds

BOAT MARINA: Gas, Ramp, Snack Shop, Gifts and Sports Equipment

FOOD: Restaurants and grocery stores

GOVERNMENT: Mayor / Council

LOCATION: 7 miles North of Elizabethtown on US Highways 701 North and NC

41 and 53

POPULATION: Approximately 815 year-round and 200,000 visitors during

summer season

RECREATION: Amusement parks with rides and games, miniature golf, water slides, arcades, water sports and golf

SAFETY: Boating and swimming areas are divided by poles. Diving is prohibited by law

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SIZE: 1 1/2 miles wide and 2 miles long



WHO TO CALL

Important Area Phone Numbers

(all numbers are in the 910 area code) **Emergency 911**

Pladen County Services	
Bladen County Services Airport	962 4522
Board of Education	.002-4)22
Board of Elections	
Building Inspector	.862-6/80
Cooperative Extension Service	.862-4591
Health Department	.862-6900
Hospital	.862-5100
Library	.862-6990
Senior Service Center	.862-6930
Sheriff's Office	.862-6960
Social Services	
Solid Waste	
Tax Collector	
Veterans Services	
Water Department	
water Department	.002-0990
Torres Courieses	
Town Services	062 (506
Fire Department - Non-Emergency	.862-4586
Police Department- Elizabethtown	.862-3125
Police Department -White Lake	
Post Office - Elizabethtown	.862-3933
Bladen County Town Halls	
Bladenboro	.863-3655
Clarkton	
Dublin	
Elizabethtown	-
White Lake	
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Relocating to Area

TAXES

Property taxes are listed in August, are due in September, and are considered late after January 5. North Carolina sales tax is a maximum of 7.25%

TRANSPORTATION

Vans – Bladen Area Rural Transportation System (BARTS)

Air – 5,000 ft. lighted, concrete runway, commercial airport 45 minutes away, river barge, motor freight lines

UTILITIES

Electricity

Duke Energy Progress 800-452-277 Four County Electric Membership Corp. 910-862-3551

<u>Telephone</u> CenturyLink – 910-592-9111 Star Communications – 910-645-1111

LP Gas

Cape Fear Propane – 910-862-2452 Bobby Taylor Oil Company, Inc. – 910-862-7700 Sampson-Bladen – 910-862-3197

INTERNET

CenturyLink - 910-592-9111 Star Communications – 910-645-1111 Time Warner Cable – 910-862-2006

CABLE

Time Warner – 910-862-2006



History & Heroes

Elizabethtown.

In the year of 1734, Governor Gabriel Johnston, on the consent of His Majesty's Council, designated a precinct in Southeastern North Carolina and called it Bladen. The precinct was required to erect a church, a courthouse and a prison three miles east of present-day Elizabethtown.

Forty years later, in March of 1773, the General Assembly authorized moving the courthouse site west to a location very near the bank of the Cape Fear River.

One hundred acres of land belonging to Isaac Jones was selected for the town site. Three acres of land were to be designed to accommodate a market place. The remaining acreage was to be laid out in streets, lots and lanes.

Isaac Jones, the original owner of the land, was granted permission to operate a ferry across the Cape Fear River. The new precinct was called Elizabethtown, in honor of Mr. Jones' daughter, Elizabeth. Elizabethtown became an important cargo stop for steamboats traveling down the river to Wilmington. Cotton became a primary crop product, as did tar, pitch and turpentine. Turpentine and tar barrels were lashed together and floated down the river. This is the origin of our state nickname, the Tar Heel state.

With the arrival of the railroad system in 1913, Elizabethtown and the surrounding countryside became a formidable producer and shipper of timber. The Industrial Revolution brought new materials into the area, including steel. In 1925, the ferry was replaced by a steel bridge across the Cape Fear River.

Reminiscent of its early beginnings in 1773, the Bladen County community of Elizabethtown continues to nurture a hard-working small-town congeniality. The pace here is slower, simpler and without the cosmopolitan perspective of larger towns close by. Through the years, Elizabethtown has continued to offer endless opportunities for industry, downtown merchants, resort living and retirement options.

WHITE LAKE

LOCATION OF WHITE LAKE: In Bladen County on US Hwy 701 and NC Hwys 41 and 53; seven miles North of Elizabethtown.

SIZE: 1 1/2 miles wide and 2 miles long; 7 mile drive around the lake 1,065 acres

CLIMATE: Average Temperature 63° F • Average annual rainfall 49.0"

POPULATION: Year round - 815 • Tourists per year - 200,000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Mayor and Town Council

TOWN OFFICE: Open 5 days per week; Phone: (910) 862-4800

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Local Police; Phone (910) 862-4057

TAXES: White Lake Property taxes are \$.23 per \$100 based on 100% valuation. Bladen County taxes are \$.74 per \$100 based on 100% valuation plus user fees

PETS: No pets at large. (by town ordinance)

FISHING, BOATING, HUNTING AND SWIMMING REGULATIONS

Fishing

Fishing is fair for Bream, Large Mouth Bass, Raccoon or Yellow Perch and Catfish. Three rivers are available for fishing. Fishing licenses are available at Wal-Mart (910) 862-8424 or contact the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources at (800) 682-2632.

Boating

Report all boating accidents within 10 days to the NC Wildlife Resource Commission at (919) 707-0040. Hunting and fishing regulations are set by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The Lake is patrolled by Wildlife Protectors.

Swimming Regulations

- (1) Poles in the Lake divide boating and swimming areas. There is a no-wake speed limit between the the poles and the shoreline.
 (2) No lifeguards are on duty. Do not leave children unattended.
 - (3) Diving from piers is illegal. Do not dive off piers.
 - (4) Skin diving is permitted with divers' flags; however spear fishing is not allowed
 - (5) Boats towing water skiers must travel straight in and out through the no-wake zone

Amusement Rides • Games Boating • Souvenirs • Golf Miniature Golf • Arcade • Sunbathing Swimming • Water Skiing • Water Park

ACCOMMODATIONS

Motels, Apartments, Trailers, Rooms, Cottages, Campground, and Condominiums

Average Rates

Motel Room: Family of 4 \$67-\$90 per night • Family of 6 \$90 per night Family of 8 \$125 per night

Trailers: Family of 6 \$100 per night • \$550 per week

Cottages: Prices are determined by sleeping accommodations and size.

Prices are in the range of \$375 – \$900 per week

Camping Spaces: \$25 - \$35 per night

Weekly rates are available for all accommodations.

White Lake Water Park

SPEED PARK
BEACH WEAR STORE
SHORT ORDER GRILL
ICE CREAM PARLOR



FULL TIME ATTENDANTS

LIFE GUARD ON DUTY

BIRTHDAY/PARTY ROOMS

> KIDDIE AND ADULT POOLS

LAZY RIVER AND BUMPER BOATS

CABANA RENTALS WITH GRILLS

FREE PARKING

SEASON PASSES AVAILABLE

LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 701 AND HWY 53E

910-872-0035

www.whitelakewaterpark.com







Enjoy our 200 foot pier, a waterfront picnic area, a second-story sun deck, and nearly 250 feet of sandy beachfront.

Weekly apartment rentals available.

10 White Lake Drive (US Hwy 701 North) near the Scotchman.

Call for reservations: **910-862-3947**

www.whitelakenc.com







Just two miles south of White Lake and five miles north of Elizabethtown, tree-lined fairways and well bunkered greens await the avid golfer. Carolina Sands Golf Course is a Par 72 Championship Course.

The parkland design snakes its way through natural forests of long-leaf pines. Eleven holes have water hazards and some have multi-tiered greens. Forty-eight natural sand bunkers add challenge to the course.

Every hole features five different tees ranging from 4,950 yards to 6,925 yards. The number eight hole is a 500 yard, par 5 hole with sand bunkers and a double dogleg fairway. It requires an approach shot over a large water hazard to arrive at the green.

The fully stocked Pro Shop features quality merchandise at affordable prices. Upstairs, Carolina Sands Golf Course offers a meeting room with an outdoor deck overlooking the golf course. The space seats forty guests and is an ideal location for retreats, meetings, and private parties.

Let the kids enjoy White Lake Water Park, only 2 miles away, while you test your skill on this first-class course.

To arrange a tournament or plan a special event, call (910) 862-8796 or visit our website at www.carolinasandsgolf.com.

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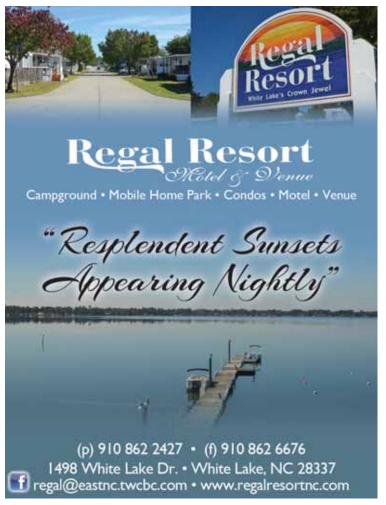


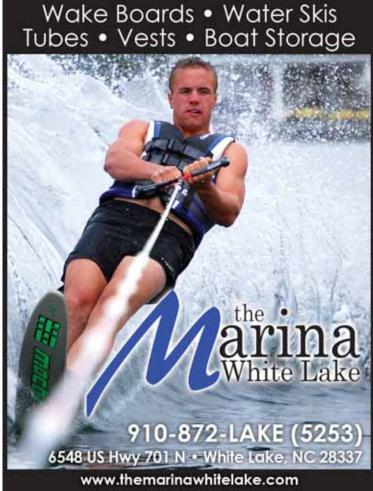
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BLADEN LAKES STATE FOREST NAVAL STORES EXHIBIT

Located at 818 South Main Street in Bladenboro • Museum open Saturday and Sunday 2-4pm; Gift Shop open Monday - Friday 10am - 12pm, Saturday and Sunday 2 - 4pm

The "Tar Heel State" nickname was acquired in the 18th century when longleaf pines across North Carolina became a source for naval stores. Tar, pitch, and turpentine were used for waterproofing and preserving wooden ships and hemp ropes. The Bladen Lakes State Forest Naval Stores Exhibit includes a reconstructed "tarkel" (tar kiln), boxed pine trees and a turpentine distillery with a copper kettle that was used in a local distillery at the turn of the century. The exhibit is open to the public.

BLADENBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located on Main Street in Bladenboro • Open Monday - Friday 10 am - 2 pm and Saturday and Sunday 2 pm - 4 pm



Completed in 1917 and expanded in 1923, it was built with funding provided by the County Farm-Life School Act of 1911 and matching funds from extra taxes levied on Bladenboro area citizens. The building was used for all grades until 1925 when a separate building was completed for the high school. From then on the Farm-Life Building housed a variety of grade levels as needed until 1990. Local citizens, organized to stop its scheduled destruction, formed the Bladenboro Historical Society, and, in 1991, successfully gained ownership of the building and surrounding grounds.

The restored Farm-Life Building, now called the Bladenboro Historical Society Building, has eight museum rooms on the second floor. The Art Room exhibits the work of local artist. The Family History

room is for genealogy research. The Farm Room exhibits old farm equipment and tools. The Trophy room displays trophies and memorabilia from Bladenboro High School. The craft room includes old and new hand crafts by local artisans. The Bladenboro Room exhibits pictures artifacts and documents about the town and its people. The School Room preserves school life in pictures artifacts, yearbooks and other documents. The Military Room exhibits uniforms, artifacts, weapons, and memorials.

Downstairs, next to the gift shop, there is a large room available for rent by the day. Typical use has been for reunions, receptions, business meetings, etc.

BRIDGER COMPANY BUILDING

Located in Bladenboro

On the northeast corner of Railroad Street and NC 410/242, sits a two-story classical style, brick commercial building built in 1911, by the Bridger family, founders of the Bladenboro Cotton Mill. It is the centerpiece of the downtown village of Bladenboro. In the early 1900's, the cotton mill was the driving industry in Bladenboro. The building overlooks the railroad tracks.

BROWN MARSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Located in Clarkton • Open by appointment. Call (910) 645-4544.

Present day Brown Marsh Presbyterian Church was built in 1818 using handmade iron nails and hand-dressed cypress weather boarding. Handmade hinges in the shape of a carpenter's square secure wooden shutters at the windows. The pews, pulpit, window shutters, heart pine pillars, cedar siding and cedar shingle roof are all original. The grounds house a 200-year-old cemetery. Brown Marsh is rarely open to the public, but can be viewed by appointment. It is located 2 miles north of Clarkton.

CARVERS CREEK METHODIST CHURCH

Located in Carvers Creek • Open by appointment. (910) 669-2738 or (910) 669-2972

Historic Carvers Creek Methodist Church is an active worship center for local residents today. It is located 25 miles east of Elizabethtown on Highway 87, on a site once used by the Quakers in 1734. The present structure was built in 1859 and stands 60 feet by 40 feet by 39 feet tall. The church houses the original pews and siding, made of the finest area timbers, including heart pine. The weather boarding and floors were dressed by hand. Across the back of the church and down two sides runs a large slave gallery. On the church grounds is a 200-year-old cemetery. To view the church, call for an appointment, or attend Sunday worship services with the congregation.

PLACES TO VISIT

DUBLIN MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Open Saturdays beginning in the Spring • Call the track at (910) 866-4278 • www.dublinspeedway.net



Located at 1364 Rice Pond Road in Dublin, the Dublin Motor Speedway features late model, limited late model, super street, mud, open wheel and regular racing on most Saturday nights beginning in mid-March. The grandstands open at 6 pm, practice begins at 8pm and the first race is at approximately 9:30pm. There is an admission fee for visitors over 12 years of age.

ELWELL CABLE FERRY CROSSING

Located on the Cape Fear River between Kelly and Carvers Creek

Operated daily Elwell Ferry is a two-car ferry operating across the Cape Fear River daily by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The ferry departs and arrives to and from Kelly, on Highway 53 east of White Lake, and Carvers Creek, on Highway 87 east of Elizabethtown.

HARMONY HALL

Located in White Oak • Open Saturday 10 - 2 pm and Sunday 2 - 4 pm or by appointment at (910) 866-4256



Harmony Hall, the stately home of Revolutionary War officer Colonel James A. Richardson, was built prior to 1768 on a 12,000-acre tract of land in Bladen County near White Oak. Bordered on the south by the Cape Fear River, the property was acquired in part by a grant from King George III. The structure is a two-story A-Gable design. In keeping with the building style of the day, the house is tall and features unusual flared ventilator holes. The foundation accommodates storage space underneath the house. Stairs from the second floor lead to a full attic. Inside the home, the walls are paneled with wide pine boards. Some walls feature chair rails and some are plastered above a paneled dado. The fireplace mantels are Adams in style. Folklore says that during the latter part of the Revolutionary War, British General Charles Cornwallis,

on his way to South Carolina, commandeered the house, demanding accommodations for himself and his officers. The entourage stayed at the home for several weeks. Col. Richardson's wife overheard Cornwallis' plan to enter South Carolina and dispatched the information to her husband, stationed with Greene's army in South Carolina. This information assisted in the defeat of the British and the retreat of Cornwallis. Harmony Hall is open on Saturdays from 10 am until 2 pm and Sundays from 2 pm until 4 pm, except on major holidays. Period craftsmen may be observed making soap, cooking outdoors, and blacksmithing. Wagon or carriage rides are sometimes available. Volunteers in period costumes provide tours of the house and grounds. The Annual Harmony Hall Reunion Picnic is usually held the first Saturday in May from 10 am until 4 pm. Visitors can see plowing, craftsmen, reenactment groups, and take wagon rides. Open House at Christmas is hosted during the first week of December. The house is decorated with native and natural decorations. Festive events and activities are planned for the seasonal celebration. Specific dates for the Christmas Open House are announced in November. Private tours and appointments to view the property are welcomed and can be arranged by telephone. There is a small fee for tours. Call (910) 866-4844 to arrange an appointment.

JONES LAKE STATE PARK

Located on Hwy 242 four miles north of Elizabethtown • (910) 588-4550 or visit www.ncparks.gov



Named for Isaac Jones, the landowner who donated a tract of land on which Elizabethtown was established, Jones Lake is one of the Carolina Bays. The lake has a shallow depth of 8.7 feet, a shoreline of 2.2 miles, and is fed by precipitation. Home to a variety of area reptiles, Jones Lake attracts Carolina anoles, fence lizards, spring peepers, and bullfrogs. Wild turkeys, black vultures, white-tailed deer, fox and cottontail rabbits are common sights. The public lake features family and group camping sites, complete with fire circles, grills, picnic tables and benches. Drinking water and restrooms are nearby. Campers and day visitors can enjoy a three-mile hiking loop around Jones Lake, or walk the one-mile nature trail. Canoes and paddle boats are available for rent from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

PLACES TO VISIT

LOCK AND DAM NO. 2

Located on the Cape Fear River two miles southeast of Elizabethtown • (910) 862-2347

Lock and Dam No. 2 is the second of the three lock and dams managed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Constructed in 1917 at Browns Landing, the lock is 40 feet by 200 feet. The lock and dam is open twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week, on demand. During weekends and holidays, five or more vessels must request upstream or downstream lockage and provide forty-eight hours of notice to ensure that personnel will be available. Recreational facilities include a launching ramp, a comfort station, water fountains, picnic tables under a shelter, a fireplace, and canoe access steps. The recreational area is open Monday through Friday, from 8 am until 5 pm and is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays. For more information write to: Lockmaster, Lock and Dam No. 2, 645 Lock #2 Road, Elizabethtown, NC 28337.

LU MIL VINEYARD

Located on Taylor Road in Dublin • (910) 866-5819 or visit www.lumilvineyard.com



Lu Mil Vineyard is a North Carolina agri-tourism site producing five estate wines from the Muscadine grapes grown on the site. The facility includes a large meeting space available for rent. The vineyard is a popular site for weddings, receptions, reunions and meetings. Read more about Lu Mil Vineyard on page 17.

MT. HOREB PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Located in Council • (910) 645-4334 or (910) 645-4234 for an appointment

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church was built in 1845. The church features handmade pews, original siding and a hand-hewn pulpit. There is an adjacent cemetery. The church is located 15 miles east of Elizabethtown on Highway 87.

OAKLAND PLANTATION

Located on the north side of State Road 1730, one mile northeast of NC 87 • Private residence, visible from the road

Oakland Plantation stands on a bluff overlooking the Cape Fear River. Built in the late 18th century, it is a rare survivor of the great plantations built along the river in the 1700's. It is a long two-story house of brick laid in Flemish bond, featuring double piazzas across both the front and back of the house.

OLD TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Located in Elizabethtown • (910) 862-3706 for an appointment



Built in 1834, Old Trinity is the original clapboard structure. A slave balcony runs along the back wall and down both sides of the church. The facility is used frequently for special events and is listed in the National Historical Registry.

PURDIE METHODIST CHURCH

Located in Tar Heel • Open by appointment. (910) 862-8337 or (910) 862-2369

Purdie Methodist Church is an older structure featuring a lath and plaster interior, louvered shutters, slave balconies and a cemetery on the church grounds. The facility still serves the community with Sunday worship services.

SINGLETARY LAKE STATE PARK

Located on Hwy. 53 six miles east of White Lake • (910) 669-2928 or visit www.ncparks.gov

Singletary Lake State Park was developed primarily for organized group camping. It is comprised of 649 acres of land and a 572-acre natural lake. One of the area's Carolina Bays, the lake is the deepest bay in the county. The maximum depth is 11.8 feet, and varies with rainfall and land runoff. The park features two organized group camps available for nonprofit organizations. Camp Ipecac houses 92 persons and is open from April through October. Camp Loblolly Bay houses 48 persons. All amenities are

PLACES TO VISIT

provided for campers except food, cleaning supplies and bed linens. A basketball goal, volleyball net, horseshoe pit, large charcoal grill, and picnic tables are near the camp cabins. Campers can enjoy a 500-foot-long pier, swimming, small-craft boating, (no more than 10 horsepower), and fishing (with permission). Located in the park is Turkey Oak Natural Area, a 133-acre preserve science and educational project. Visitors can observe the rare white wicky, a relative of mountain laurel, and a variety of carnivorous plants. Use of the camp is by reservation only. Reservations are accepted after January 1 of each year for spring, summer, or fall visits. After September 1, reservations for Camp Loblolly Bay can be made for the following January and February. For more information, contact Singletary Lake State Park by email to singletary.lake@ncmail.net

SOUTH RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Located on the northeast side of NC 210, 2.1 miles southeast of US 701

Built around 1850, this frame church features a Greek Revival pediment-front with corner pilasters and large framed windows. It was built to serve a rural community of Scots, and in particular, the Cromartie family.

THE STEWART-CROMARTIE-LILES HOUSE

Located on the northeast side of NC 210, 1.1 miles southeast of US 701

This 18th century private home, visible from the highway, is a frame house which was expanded in the 19th century. It was a dwelling for the Cromartie family, who were leaders at the nearby South River Presbyterian Church.

TORY HOLE BATTLEGROUND AND PARK

Located on the Cape Fear River in Elizabethtown



In 1781, the Tories (a conservative political party representing the King and the Church of England) forcibly dominated the area of Elizabethtown. The Whigs (the liberal political party in favor of government ruled by Parliament) had been driven from their homes by invading Tory activists. The Tory military camp was along the bank of the Cape Fear River in Elizabethtown. Many Whigs had moved into the outlying countryside in what is present-day Bladen County. Colonel Thomas Robeson, the Whig military commander, had a scant seventy-man militia stationed on the opposite side of the river from the Tories. To collect details about the Tory strength, Sallie Salter volunteered to enter the Tory military camp under the disguise of a merchant selling

eggs. She convinced the ferry operator to transport her across the river to the camp. While selling eggs to the Tories she spied on the camp and eavesdropped on the leadership. Returning to the other side of the river, she brought pertinent information about the camp to the Whigs. On August 28, 1781, the Whigs advanced to attack the Tories. The troops marched one mile south of the Tory camp and crossed the river. As they approached the Tory camp, the seventy soldiers rushed from the extreme left to the extreme right of the approach, firing their rifles repeatedly as they attacked. Alarmed Tories thought the militia was much larger than their camp of 400 men. Tories fled from the camp, disappearing into the surrounding woodlands. Many Tories leaped into a deep ravine, now called the Tory Hole. The Tory Hole Park has a playground, exercise and nature trails, a picnic shelter, and an amphitheater. The Cape Fear River is accessible by boat ramp. Enjoy the "Battle of Elizabethtown" on the third weekend in August!

WHITE LAKE

Seasonal Resort Community • Located on Highways 53 and 701, seven miles northeast of Elizabethtown

A white sandy bottom and crystal-clear water has made White Lake a nationally-known family vacation retreat for over 50 years. Two public beaches serve day visitors with piers, access to the waterfront, restaurants, gift shops, rides, arcade games, go-carts, and amusements. Jet-skis and pontoon boats are available to rent. Permanent homes, campgrounds, RV parks, cottages, apartments, condominiums and motel rooms are available.

WHITE LAKE WATER PARK

Seasonally Operated • (910) 872-0035 • www.whitelakewaterpark.com

Located at the corner of Highways 53 and 701, the White Lake Water Park features water slides, pools, a lazy river, go-cart racing a gift shop and a snack shop. Every year brings an addition to the park amenities. Season passes are available.

Fun Things To Do

FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY

It's a celebratory parade down Broad Street in Elizabethtown to honor the late Martin Luther King Jr. on Martin Luther King Day. Decorated floats, marching bands, dance troops, area dignitaries and festive clowns advance from the Town Municipal Building moving east along Broad Street. For information, contact Arthur Bullock at abullock001@ec.rr.com.

MARCH

The annual Old Fashioned Planter's Day Celebration is held on the 4th weekend of March in Ammon. Visitors from across North Carolina convene at Graham's Horse Farm to enjoy tractor pulls, a pancake breakfast, country, bluegrass, and gospel music, craft vendors, antique farm equipment and children's activities. An admission fee is charged. Overnight camping is available. For more information, call (910) 862-4368.

APRIL

Bladen We Care holds a live auction, reverse raffle, and dance at Lu Mil Vineyard on the second weekend in April and a golf tournament the following week.

MAY

During the first weekend of May, the unique physical characteristics of White Lake are utilized in the annual White Lake Triathlon produced by Set Up Events. For more information visit www.setupevents.com.

On the third weekend of May, White Lake officially initiates summertime and welcomes thousands of visitors with the White Lake Water Festival. This three-day event features a parade, arts and crafts vendors, a classic car show, a 1 mile and 10K run, a fireman's Olympics, a tractor pull, volleyball tournament, corn hole tournament, a beach music dance and much more. For more information, visit www.whitelakewaterfestival.com.

IUNE

The first weekend in June welcomes the Ammon Blueberry Festival. Bring a chair and spend the day in Ammon as you enjoy rides, crafts, games, food, entertainment, car shows, a parade, a pancake breakfast and a blueberry recipe cooking contest. For more information, contact the Ammon Fire Department, or call (910) 588-4592.

AUGUST

The Battle of Elizabethtown reenactment is held the third weekend in August at Tory Hole Park.

SEPTEMBER

The Dublin Peanut Festival celebrates one of North Carolina's most prolific agricultural products on the 3rd weekend of September. Dublin is 8 miles west of Elizabethtown on highway 87. The Festival originated in 1992 as a funds development opportunity for Dublin Primary School. Now the festival not only supports the local school, but makes contributions to numerous community non-profit organizations and provides two scholarships to Bladen Community College. The festival includes a golf tournament, scholarship pageant, parade, peanut recipe contest, classic car show, hot air balloon rides, food vendors and children's activities. For more information, call (910) 648-2862.

OCTOBER

The North Carolina Grape Festival is held at Lu Mil Vineyard the second weekend in October.

The Beast of Bladenboro Festival is held the last Saturday in October or the first Saturday in November in Bladenboro. Visit www.borobooster.org for details.

NOVEMBER

The annual Veterans Day celebration is held in early November in Elizabethtown.

Elizabethtown heralds in the Christmas shopping season on the last Saturday of November with the "Shop Local" promotions.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving is Elizabethtown's Annual Christmas parade at 3pm. Area merchants participate with floats and decorated entries. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce office at (910) 862-4368.

DECEMBER

On the first Saturday in December, the town of Bladenboro hosts the Annual Christmas Parade down Main Street. The parade features floats, clowns, merchant entries, area bands and much more. For more information, contact the Bladenboro Town Office at (910) 863-3655.

During the first week of December, enjoy living history at the annual Harmony Hall Open House. This 1768 Revolutionary Home is adorned with native and natural Christmas decorations. Local volunteers dress in period costumes and plan activities and events that bring history into the present. For more information, call (910) 866-4256.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

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PARKS AND RECREATION

King Street Gym

Open Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Call (910) 862-6770

The Bladen County Parks and Recreation Department offers a sprawling sports park center on Highway 701 South between Clarkton and Elizabethtown. Four tennis courts, three softball fields, one baseball field, one soccer field, two basketball courts and a playground are open and available for use on a daily basis. Fields can be reserved for organized practices. On-site is a youth playground, a full concession stand and bathrooms. Two picnic shelters can be rented and reserved for parties. The agency sponsors organized youth sports for soccer, football, flag football, softball and Dixie Boys Baseball. At the King Street gym, visitors can walk in and play basketball throughout the week or rent the facility for parties. Call the office at (910) 862-6770 for more information.

FISHING IN BLADEN COUNTY

The Cape Fear River, South River, Black River and White Lake are excellent fishing sites in Bladen County. The lakes at Jones and Singletary State Parks are open for fishing with permission from the park staff. A fishing license is required in North Carolina. Walmart in Elizabethtown sells licenses. Fees for a Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) are as follows:

Annual Licenses

State Residents, age 16 or older.....\$15 Nonresidents, age 16 or older.....\$30

10-Day Licenses

State Residents, age 16 or older.....\$5
Nonresidents, age 16 or older.....\$10

Lifetime CRFL Licenses

Infant Lifetime, younger than one year\$	100
Youth Lifetime, age 1-11\$	150
Resident Adult, age 12-64\$	250
Nonresident Adult, age 12-64\$	500
Resident Elderly, age 65 and over	\$15
Resident Totally Disabled	\$10

HUNTING IN BLADEN COUNTY

Bladen County is home to white-tailed deer, black bear, squirrels, ducks, and quail. Heavily forested land is available for lease for hunting. A hunting license is required in North Carolina.







LU MIL VINEYARD

Lu Mil Vineyard sits on the family farm site of the late Lucille and Miller Taylor, on Suggs-Taylor Rd., in Dublin, NC. The Taylor family has been a leader in agricultural equipment development for many years; the family farm site has served as a testing ground for their innovative creations. As a way to test their ideas for new machinery for the growing viticulture industry, their Muscadine vineyard was born. The vineyard has grown to over 50 acres.



time at the home place of Lucille and Miller Taylor. The "Vineyard Cabins" are located with spectacular views of the expansive vineyard and beautiful lakes. They are equipped with all linens, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and full bath, front porch overlooking the vineyard and back porch overlooking the water. Cabin #1, #2 & #3 also include a red heart-shaped Whirlpool tub. Cabin #4 can

accommodate up to 6 people and Cabins #5 & #6 have a king sized bed in each.

With the grapes producing well, the first estate wines were produced from Lu Mil Vineyard's 2005 Muscadine grape harvest, and, in December 2005 the vineyard's Gift Shop and Tasting Room officially opened to the public. Lu Mil Vineyard offers Muscadine wines: Taylor Divine, Bladen Blush, Cape Owen Red, Old Cumberland, Harmony Hall, Sir Walter Raleigh and Merry Christmas, a limited production seasonal wine. Additionally, jellies, jams, alcohol free wines and

ciders, sauces, syrup and grape seed extract pills have been produced from Lu Mil's vines.

Lu Mil Vineyard is a family friendly, multi-use facility. By renovating one of the farm's barns,

"The Barrel Room", was created. It is a beautiful space for receptions, parties, reunions, and other events. In October 2006, Lu Mil Vineyard opened the doors to its largest facility, an 8,000 sq. ft. building, which houses our Gift Shop and Tasting Room, "Creekside" (our 6,000 sq. ft. entertainment venue with a state-of-the-art audio/video system) that will accommodate up to 550 seated guests. The wrap-around covered porches provide a lovely spot to relax and view the scenic vineyard and enjoy a cool beverage. In late 2011, "The General Store" was completed and is used to host smaller events and also holds the Country Buffet that is a crowd pleaser during the annual Festival of Lights. "The Barrel Room", "Creekside", "The General Store" and Lu Mil's outdoor facilities are available to groups who want to play host to events large or small.

"The Taylor House" is available for overnight stays. It is a four-bedroom ranch style house located on the grounds. Decorated reminiscent of the 1970's; you can step back in

Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of Lu Mil and indulge yourself with an afternoon on Doc's Deck, take a walk through the vineyard, browse the antique museum in the Barrel Room or enjoy one of the many venues on our calendar of events. Our gift shop is open daily for free wine tasting or relaxing. View our website, www.lumilvineyard.com, for a calendar of events being updated daily. We would suggest you consider Lu Mil Vineyard as the venue for your next event or just a place to enjoy a relaxed overnight stay. Lu Mil Vineyard offers seclusion with all the comforts you need for a private, peaceful getaway that is far enough away for complete rest and quiet, yet centered in the Coastal Plains of Southeastern North Carolina.

Entertainment and catering can be arranged for those interested. Educational tours of the vineyard are available. Call the Lu Mil Vineyard Gift Shop at 910-866-5819 or 910-862-1603 for information about the vineyard or to schedule an event.

Visit www.lumilvineyard.com for a preview of the vineyard!







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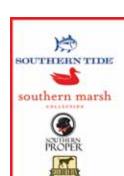


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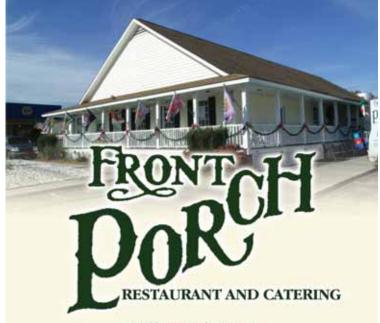
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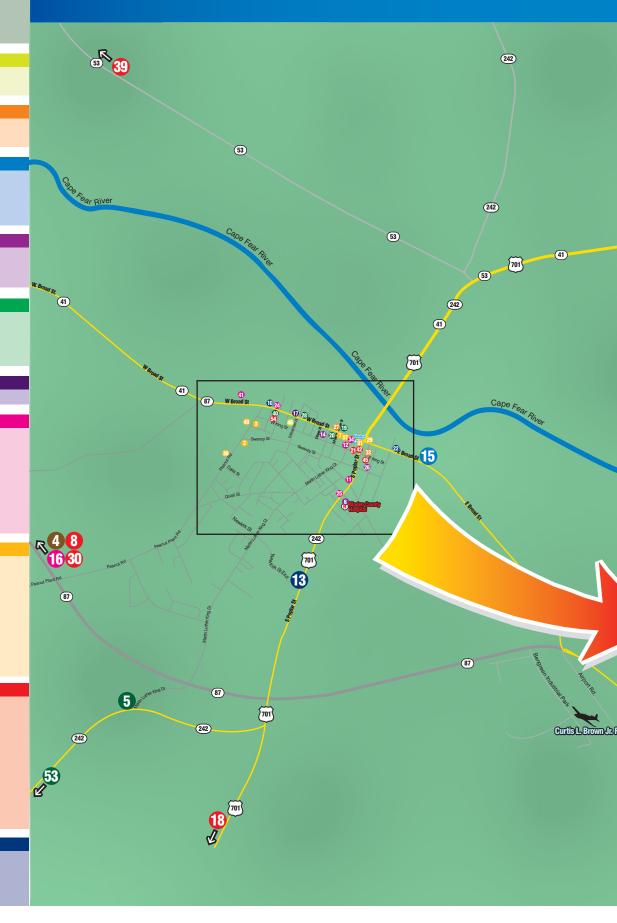
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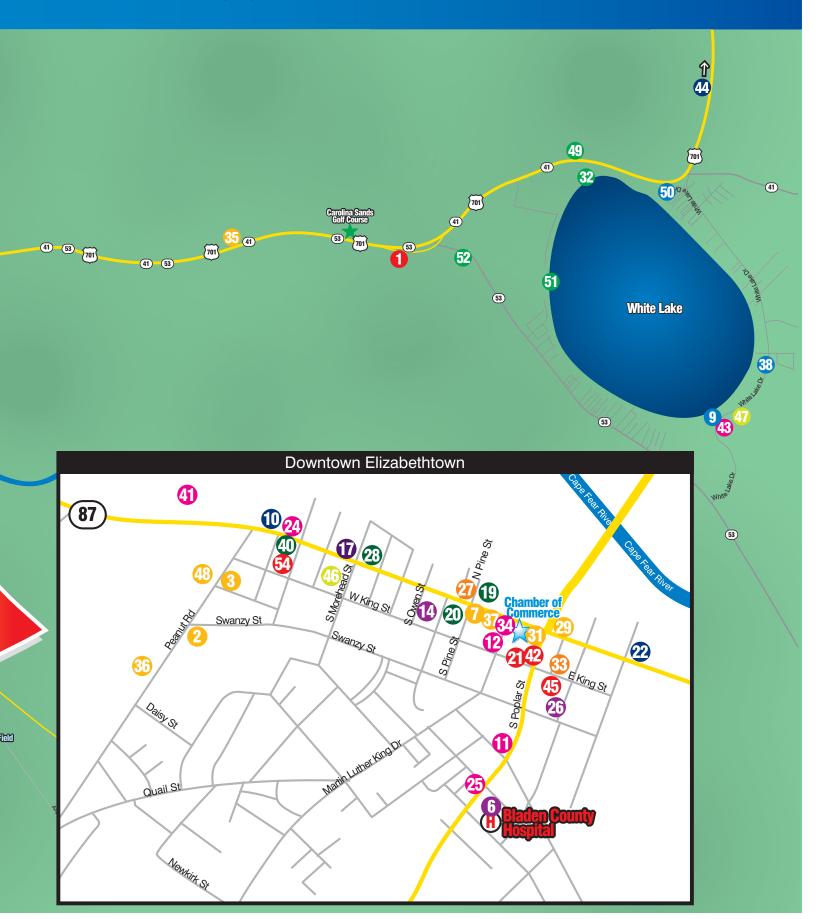
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Agriculture is one of the leading income sources for Bladen County. With the total area for the county consisting of 559,592 acres, agriculture land occupies 127,171 acres. The average farm in Bladen County is estimated to be 254 acres. There are approximately 500 working farms in the county. The total value of farm commodities in Bladen County is estimated at \$330 million. With the location and climatic conditions, the agricultural commodities produced are very diverse.

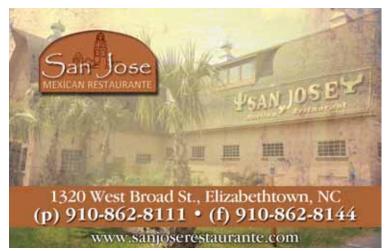
In Bladen County, the agriculture products produced include swine, poultry, blueberries, corn, peanuts, tobacco, cattle, cotton and grapes. With this diversity, Bladen County is a top producer of many of these commodities. Bladen County ranks number one in blueberry production, number three in swine, number five in grapes, number seven in peanuts, and number nine in turkeys in North Carolina. Because of this diversity and favorable agricultural conditions, *Farm Fortunes* magazine has ranked Bladen County as one of the best places in the United States to farm.

Along with the production aspect of agriculture, Bladen County also has many agricultural industries to aid the producer in buying and selling their commodities. Smithfield Foods (the largest employer in the county with over 4,000 employees) processes approximately 32,000 hogs per day. Along with the swine industry, the county also has multiple grain and peanut purchasing stations. Bladen County is now one the few areas in the state that has multiple commodity purchasing locations convenient to the producer. Along with the traditional agricultural commodities, Bladen County is also on the leading edge of alternative agriculture with the addition of many vineyards and a local winery.











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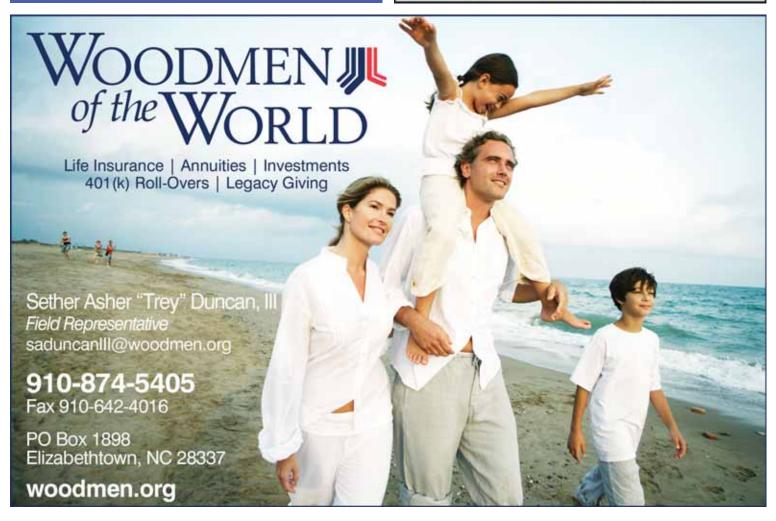
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BLADEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Five thousand students attend the thirteen schools comprising the Bladen County Public School System. Two state-of-the-art high schools serve the east and west areas of the county. Located throughout the area are three middle schools, one K-8 school and seven primary schools.

Every school in the area has been equipped with high-speed wireless Internet access. The two high schools offer students a 1:1 laptop program. Students are given a laptop to use for the school year in the classroom, at home, or wherever they need access to digital learning. We are one of the few school systems in the state of North Carolina that provides students with a take-home laptop.

The middle schools offer an elective course selection to students, giving them the opportunity to experience a variety of curriculum courses beyond the traditional core subject areas.

Every primary school classroom in the system is equipped with an interactive white board - SMARTBoard - which provides students with a rich, hands-on learning environment.

With the adoption of school uniforms in the 2012-2013 school year, every school, K-12, requires students to dress in uniform. A true Academic Scholar environment.

Community participation is strong in the educational system. Schools are partnered with diverse businesses and private contributors that provide both monetary and volunteer support for school activities.

In addition to the Bladen County Schools, there is one charter school, Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy, and two private schools, Elizabethtown Christian Academy and Community Baptist Academy, located in Bladen County.

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Over the years BCC has responded to the changes in the economy and adapted its programs to provide essential workers for an increasingly technical workforce. Workers from almost every industry operating in Bladen County have received training through the college.

Moreover, it has been the stepping stone to a higher education for many who have established themselves in their respective professional specialties not only here in Bladen County, but across the state and nation.

From BCC's humble beginnings at temporary facilities in Elizabethtown, the college has expanded over the years to serve more than 5,000 students annually in its various programs. When the college opened its doors to students, it offered two occupational programs and had less than 100 students. Today it offers 15 fully accredited curriculum programs and more than 150 continuing education classes and seminars.

Several other degree and certificate programs are available through collaborative agreements with other community colleges within the system. Students can also complete two baccalaureate programs entirely on the BCC campus through an agreement with Fayetteville State University.

An agreement with the Bladen County School District under the Career and College Promise program enables high school students to get a leg up on their college education by taking up to 30 semester hours of college while still in high school. This includes students who are seeking four-year degrees as well as students learning technical skills.

Though BCC is one of the smaller institutions in the North Carolina Community College System, it is a leader in distance education. It is currently the only community college in the state whose distance education program is nationally accredited. Since 1999 the program has served students throughout much of the world.

The college currently has 15 permanent buildings and three mobile classrooms on its main campus in Dublin. In addition, its center in East Arcadia has two permanent buildings and a mobile classroom. Continuing education classes are taught at locations throughout the county.

BCC's contributions to the county and region are farreaching. Last fiscal year the college paid more than \$9.7 million in wages and benefits to faculty and staff as well as another \$200,000 for contract services. The overall economic impact of the college is estimated to be in excess of \$30 million.

Moreover, students who complete one of the college's programs can expect additional earnings over the next 30 years of almost \$5 for every dollar invested in their education—an annual rate of return on investment of more than 16 percent.

Throughout its 46-year history, BCC's best ambassadors have been its students. Word-of-mouth advertising has played a major role in developing the school's reputation for excellent instruction by a caring faculty and staff, a reputation that has enabled the school to attract a growing number of students from throughout the region. Let BCC help you broaden your horizons. Stop by and talk to a counselor or call 910.879.5500. You'll be glad you did.



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BLADEN COUNTY HEALTH

Bladen County Hospital

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Bladen County Hospital's Medical-Surgical Unit and Intensive Care Unit offer inpatient care for a variety of medical diagnoses and surgical procedures. Patients needing skilled nursing services can receive them without leaving the hospital through Bladen County Hospital's Swing Bed Program.

Bladen County Hospital is affiliated with Cape Fear Valley Health System, a five-hospital system with tertiary care services in Fayetteville.

Dentistry

Dentists established in the area include Dr. Dave Allen, Dr. Ray Cross, Dr. C.M. Johnson and Dr. Tracie Vestal.

Long Term, Hospice and Home Health

There are a number of long and short term convalescent, hospice and home health agencies in Bladen County.

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current listing.

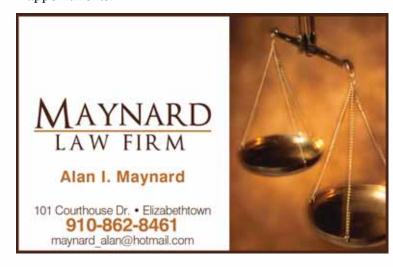
Behavioral Health

Individuals in need of mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and/or substance abuse services, should contact Eastpointe Behavioral Health at (800) 913-6109 or visit www.eastpointe.net.

Pet Health

Pets can receive immediate attention from Dr. Douglas Gensel at Elizabethtown Veterinary Hospital on Highway 701 South, near Clarkton.

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With his wife, Mary, Brown has founded a scholarship fund for students in the Bladen County School System. He returns to Bladen County each

year to participate in the County Science Fair during which he presents the Curtis L. Brown Award for Excellence in Aeronautical Science.



The Curtis L. Brown, Jr. Field opened in 1988 and is named for astronaut and Bladen County native Curtis L. Brown, Jr. The airport is located off NC Hwy 87 and is adjacent to the 240 acre Elizabethtown Industrial Park. The 5,000 ft. lighted runway was recently re-surfaced, along with extending the parallel taxiway by 1,700 feet. Additional tie-downs were added to bring total apron capacity to thirty.

The Curtis L. Brown, Jr. Field is manned daily by fixed base operator Mitch Taylor of Taylor Aviation. The airport

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- John Owen located at NC 41/87 west of Elizabethtown
- Battle of Elizabethtown located on Broad Street in downtown Elizabethtown
- Thomas Robeson located on NC 87 in Tar Heel
- The Bartrams located on NC 87 at Brady Road north of Westbrook
- . Future Farmers of America located on NC 53 at White Lake
- White Lake CCC Camp location on US 701 at White Lake
- Elwell Ferry located on NC 53 at Elwell Ferry Road northwest of Kelly

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CLARKTON

(910) 647-5961

The small town of Clarkton is located fifteen minutes south of Elizabethtown on Highway 701. It was originally established as Brown Marsh Station, but was renamed in 1874 for John Hector Clark, a local merchant, farmer, and turpentine distiller. In the later 1900's, Clarkton became a tobacco warehouse center.

The Clarkton Depot, built in 1915 for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, serves as the town hall. The John Hector Clark House, built in ca. 1863, is an unusual, board-and-batten example of the coastal cottage. It is located on the southeast corner of South Grove and East Green Streets.

The oldest church in the county, Brown Marsh Presbyterian, is located on the southeast side of State Road 1700, just north of Clarkton. Built in 1828 by Thomas Sheridan, a local free black carpenter, the church is a simple and modest frame structure with both side and end entrances. A graveyard is adjacent to the church. The facility is occasionally opened to the public for limited celebrations and worship services.

DUBLIN

(910) 862-4301

Dublin is located on Highway 87 northwest of Elizabethtown, and southeast of Fayetteville. Dublin is the home of Houston's Peanuts, one of the largest peanut product suppliers in the United States. The community hosts the annual Peanut Festival to benefit Dublin Primary School.



EAST ARCADIA

(910) 655-4388

East Arcadia, located in eastern Bladen county, was incorporated in 1974.

KELLY

Located in the southeastern area of Bladen County on NC Highway 53 between Atkinson and White Lake, Kelly is a rural farming community boasting of areas of fertile soil, long-leaf pines and hardwood trees. Both the Cape Fear and Black Rivers run through Kelly and are popular recreational bodies of water. Nearby is Elwell's Ferry, an old fashioned two-car cable ferry which crosses the Cape Fear River between Highway 87 at Carvers Creek and Highway 53 in Kelly.

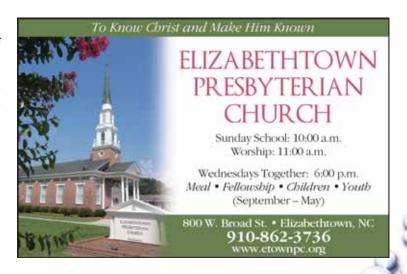
View artifacts and enjoy history at the Kelly Museum in the old Centerfield Baptist Church building on Natmore Road. The museum is open on Saturdays from 2 pm until 4 pm.

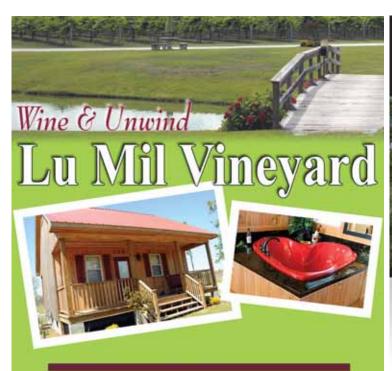
TAR HEEL

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In Tar Heel, Purdie Methodist Church, built in ca. 1845, still stands on Highway 87, 2.8 miles southeast of NC Highway 131. This Greek Revival chapel was built as the successor to the old "Purdy's Chapel", built around 1800 by James S. Purdie. Evangelist Francis Asbury was known to have preached at Purdy's Chapel on at least three occasions. This church is the oldest Unalter Methodist church in North Carolina, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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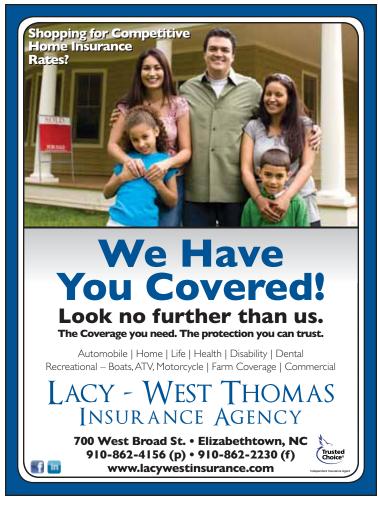
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THE CENTER HISTORY

The North Carolina FFA Center has the longest history of any other FFA center in the country and is still running strong today. The land was purchased October 1, 1940 for \$4,650 and was paid for by gifts and loans from various FFA chapters on the basis of 50 cents per member, by loans made to the FFA Association by teachers of vocational agriculture who serve as local FFA advisors and by staff members. The deed to this property was registered in the name of the State Department of Public Instruction and later transferred to the North Carolina FFA Association.

THE CAMPING PROGRAM

The camping program consists largely of wholesome recreational activities. The sports program, which is competitive on a chapter basis, includes swimming and water sports, basketball, softball, volleyball, water ball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, checkers and table tennis. Chapters participate in talent shows, devotionals, flag raising ceremonies and calisthenics. A vespers program is held each evening. Many of these programs are planned and presented by chapter groups.

FACILITY RENTAL

The North Carolina FFA Center at White Lake is open for public rentals May through September when FFA Camp is not in session. A variety of meeting spaces and overnight lodging accommodations are available for church groups, family reunions, chapter officer retreats, etc.

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