

# Connection

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## COUNTY READY FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Hurricane season is well underway, and it won't be long before winter will follow with its unpredictable weather. You need to know if weather makes it unsafe to travel to work, and if the county's management is advising employees not to report for work or to delay their arrival at work. Normally, such decisions are made by 6 a.m. on the day in question, and at that time the message on the Inclement Weather Line will be updated.

If you are uncertain about whether the county offices are closed due to inclement weather, you don't have to worry or wonder. Just call 678-7701. That's the phone number dedicated for county employees to call to find out if county and court offices are going to be closed or delayed in opening.

Be sure to make note of this number at your home. Program it into your cellphone, too. Then you'll have an alternate method of dialing in to see if weather considerations have caused county officials to close or delay the opening of county offices, court offices, etc.



The Public Information Director, Sara VanderClute will also notify local media of the decision to close or delay opening of county facilities. TV stations that will carry such information include WTVD Channel 11, WRAL Channel 5, News 14 Carolina and Channel 40, the Unavision Spanish language station.

Furthermore, all Cumulus radio stations will be contacted: WFNC 640, WQSM 98.1 AM, WRCQ Rock 103 and WKQB Power 107 as well as Beasley Broadcasting stations: WRYU 1160 AM, SKML 95.7 FM, WFLB 96.5, WAZZ 1490 AM, WZFX 99.1 FM and WUKS 107.7FM.

Every effort is being made to provide county employees with timely and accurate information. If you have any questions about the Inclement Weather procedures, call Sara VanderClute, Public Information Director, at 437-1921.

## WARMING UP FOR THE HEART WALK

County employees are already forming teams to support the National Heart Association fundraising effort to fight heart and cardiovascular disease. Raising funds from colleagues, friends and family, the participants aim to meet the County's \$23,000 goal this year. You may have seen some of the red, gold or platinum hearts displayed in your workplace.

The Heart Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, at FTCC between 8 and 11 a.m. Hundreds of people, made up of teams from local agencies and corporations, come together to enjoy a 1-mile or a 4-mile walk that wraps up the preceding fundraising drive.

Support the team captain for your department by contributing to the fund drive – and come walk with all your colleagues on what we hope will be a glorious, sunny October morning!



AMERICAN HEART WALK



## COUNTY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I am happy to take this opportunity to thank the employees of Cumberland County for the work each of you is doing on behalf of the 300,000-plus people who live here.

Cumberland County is now well into Fiscal Year 2005, operating with a budget of more than \$600 million. More than 2400 employees are engaged in work that contributes to an ever-improving quality of life in our county.

Whether it's in the area of solid waste management, or in our libraries, or in administering social services to our citizens who need them, or in providing security and justice for the people of Cumberland County – these employees and those working in other areas of service – are public servants deserving of gratitude and respect. I thank each of you for the contributions you are making to our county. Public service at any level is not always easy – but it is always worthwhile. I am pleased and proud to be your partner in our mutual endeavor to serve the people of Cumberland County.

As we move into the beautiful season autumn can be in North Carolina, may you and your families be well and happy.

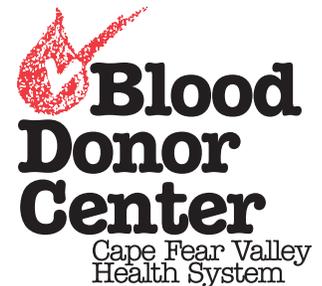
## County Employees Make Blood Drive A Success

The Blood Assurance Plan of Cape Fear Valley Health Systems is grateful to the 24 county employees who donated blood on August 4. The Bloodmobile was in the Courthouse parking lot from 1 to 4 p.m. on that day, collecting blood donations that will restore the health or save the lives of people here in Cumberland County.

Recent restrictions on who can be a blood donor have affected the ability of the Blood Assurance Plan to have an adequate and reliable supply of blood on hand. This makes the contributions of those who are able and willing to donate even more valuable.

The next blood drive at the courthouse is scheduled for Nov. 4, between 1 and 4 p.m. Please contact the Public Information Director, Sara VanderClute, if you want to sign up early for one of the 15-minute appointments.

And on behalf of the Blood Assurance Plan, and the grateful people who ultimately receive the blood you donate – Thank you!



## A Do-It-Ourselves Approach To Bonds

### What do North Carolina and Arizona have in common?

They are the only two states who do not have the authority to issue self-financing bonds for development and job creation. That may change come November, when one of the issues on our ballot in North Carolina is to amend the state Constitution to permit the issuance of self-financing bonds. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is supporting the effort to pass the amendment.

Self-financing bonds will finance public improvements like streets, water and sewer service and sidewalks in special development districts. They also can be used to spur private development, including the re-use of abandoned industrial facilities.

Different from general obligation bonds, the self-financing bonds do not require a vote of the people. They do not obligate "full faith and credit", but are financed through the net gain in property taxes generated by the improvements to property within the district. When the debt is retired, the property taxes generated by the district go to the general fund.

The organization leading the campaign to have the amendment pass in November is "North Carolinians for Jobs and Progress." Former NC governors Jim Holshouser, Jim Martin and Jim Hunt are serving as honorary co-chairs of the effort.

## Carowinds Offers Discount For Government Appreciation Days!

Carowinds, the family-oriented amusement park situated between Charlotte, North Carolina and Rock Hill, South Carolina, is offering a special discount during Government Appreciation Days, September 4 through October 31, 2005. Check out all the rides and attractions available at Carowinds by visiting their web site, [www.carowinds.com](http://www.carowinds.com).

An \$18 discount ticket is offered to county employees, which can be used for up to six full price general admission tickets. Normally those tickets are \$42.99; with the discount coupon, the price is reduced to \$24.99. These coupons may not be applied to Child (ages 3 to 6) nor Senior (55+) admission.

A planning hint – Carowinds will be closed to the general public on September 25 and 26 and again on October 2 and 3.

If you want coupons for the discounted admission to Carowinds between the dates of September 4 and October 31, contact Sara VanderClute, Public Information Director, at 437-1921 or [svanderclute@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:svanderclute@co.cumberland.nc.us).

## Spiller's Specialties

Assistant County Manager Cliff Spiller is one who enjoys good food that is easy to prepare. He recommends the following summertime supper that's both tasty and quick to fix on the grill.

### Spicy Grilled Pork Tenderloin

**2 (16 Oz.) pork tenderloins**

**1 Tablespoon olive oil**

**1 1/2 Tablespoons Caribbean jerk seasoning\***

Brush the tenderloins with olive oil and rub evenly with the seasoning. Grill, covered with the grill lid, over medium high heat (350 to 400 degrees) for 10 minutes on each side or until internal temperature at the thickest part registers 155 degrees. Remove from the grill and let stand 10 minutes. Serves 6.

\*McCormick Caribbean Jerk seasoning is a locally available brand Cliff likes to serve the pork tenderloin with a fruit salad dressed with:

### Blackberry-Basil Vinaigrette

**1/2 (10-ounce) jar seedless blackberry preserves**

**1/4 cup red wine vinegar**

**6 fresh basil leaves**

**1 garlic clove, sliced**

**1/2 teaspoon salt**

**1/2 teaspoon seasoned pepper**

**3/4 cup vegetable oil**

Pulse blackberry preserves, red wine vinegar, and next 4 ingredients in a blender 2 or 3 times until blended. With blender running, pour vegetable oil through food chute in a slow, steady stream; process until smooth.

Cliff makes the salad with 8 cups mixed salad greens, 1 1/2 cups sliced mango, 1 1/2 cups pink grapefruit segments, 1 1/2 cup sliced fresh strawberries; 1 cup fresh blackberries; and 1 large avocado, sliced.



## Sheriff's Department Announces Promotions

**Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler has announced the following promotions on August 9, 2004:**

Sergeant **Darryl Scales** is promoted to Senior Sergeant. Joining the department in 1988, Sergeant Scales will be reassigned as the supervisor of the Delinquent Section within the Juvenile Detective Division. Sergeant Scales previously worked as Bailiff, Patrol Deputy, Jailer, Special Operations, Detective, Juvenile Detective, Homicide Detective, Child Abuse Detective, Major Crimes Detective and Civil Officer.

Sergeant **Walter W. Sipe** is promoted to Senior Sergeant. Sergeant Sipe retired from the US Army in 1992 and began his employment with the Sheriff's office in December of that year. He is now reassigned to "B" Platoon Road Patrol, having worked previously in "F" Platoon, the Courthouse as a bailiff, and most recently with "A" Platoon Road Patrol.

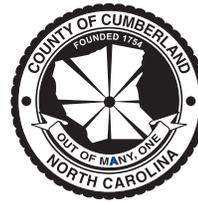
Corporal **Lorlei L. Marble** is promoted to Sergeant. She began her employment with the Sheriff's office in February, 2000. Currently assigned as a Major Crimes Detective, Sergeant Marble will be reassigned to "A" Platoon Road Patrol as a District Sergeant. She previously worked as a Child Abuse Detective, Warrant Squad Officer and Entrance Security Officer at the Courthouse.

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# Cumberland County

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## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Cumberland County Government to assure all our citizens a better quality of life by providing for the public safety, public health, quality education, clean environment and economic development while being fiscally responsible.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision for Cumberland County is that it be characterized by progressive leadership that provides for a prosperous, affordable, safe, and culturally inviting community.

## Military Spouses: In A New Home, Looking For A New Job

In a military community like Cumberland County, we all know that military families have to move often from one assignment to another. Spouses who accompany their soldiers often have to leave a job they enjoy to move to a community where there may – or may not be – gainful employment in a similar industry.

Cumberland County's Work Force Development is currently administering a Federal grant that offers an extraordinary opportunity for the military spouse who has moved to our community, having left a good job behind, and is now unable to find a similar job.

This grant will assist the spouse in finding a job locally. If that can't be accomplished, the grant will pay the tuition, buy the books, and pay related expenses for any such military spouse at any of our local educational institutions. This is a way for unemployed military spouses to learn new skills and gain credentials that will serve them in procuring gainful employment.

If you know a dislocated military spouse who is having difficulty finding employment, refer the spouse either to Patrick Hurley, Director at 323-3421, Ext. 2121 or to Geneva Mixon, Employment & Training Case Manager at the Spring Lake Family Resource Center, 321-6442.

## Gofayetteville.com

Cumberland County, along with other local public and private partners, supports the website [www.gofayetteville.com](http://www.gofayetteville.com), the web portal for learning about our greater community.

Check it out next time you're surfing the web. Created in 2002, the website is drawing an increasing number of "hits," according to BizToolsOne who administers the site.

If you enter "Fayetteville, North Carolina" in one of the large search engines, such as Google, Yahoo, AOL, and MSN, the [gofayetteville](http://www.gofayetteville.com) site will be one of the top five or ten sites to be found.

If you have ideas about how the website could be made even better, pass on your thoughts to Sara VanderClute, Public Information Director, and she'll share them with the website's advisory committee.