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Back To School Safety – Priority Number One!

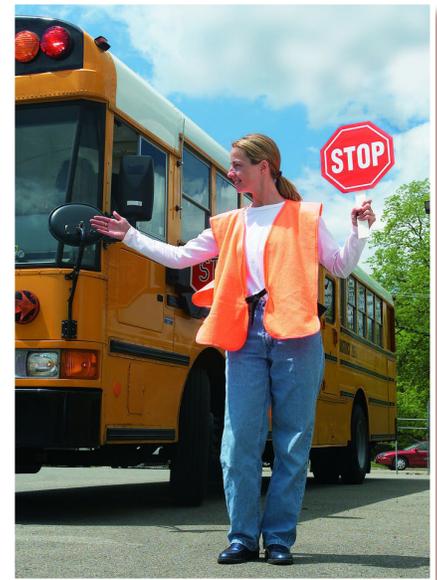
The following are some safety tips for parents and students, now that school is back in session:

BUS SAFETY

- An Adult should wait with children until the bus arrives.
- Remind children to stand far away from the road while waiting for the bus.
- Wait for the bus and all vehicles to come to a complete stop before boarding and exiting the bus.
- Remind children not to play on the bus or while waiting at the bus stop.
- Tell children not to approach cars where drivers are asking for directions for offering them rides to school.
- Teach children to notify a parent or trusted adult if they notice strangers approaching or hanging around their bus stop or following them home.
- Make young children more comfortable with this new experience by practicing “riding the bus” at home.

SCHOOL SAFETY

- Teach young children their address, phone number, and parents’ full name.
- Go over “Stranger Danger” with your children.
- Make sure they understand what a stranger is and what to do if approached.
- Review the dangers of drug and alcohol use.
- Review the importance of driving cautiously with teen drivers.
- Go over “bullying” with your child.
- If your child stays home alone after school have them check-in as soon as they arrive home.



“Fall Into Work” Job Fair @ DSS

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES in partnership with Fayetteville Technical Community College, the City of Fayetteville Community Development, Beasley Broadcast Group, The Fayetteville Observer, and the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the “Fall Into Work” Job Fair. The job fair is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM on the first floor of the Department of Social Services building at 1225 Ramsey Street. Representatives from more than 60 employers are expected to take part in this exciting event. This year’s Business Sponsors are Domino’s Pizza, Pizza Hut, Boddie-Noell and Hiring Now The Magazine.

This event is free and open to the public. This will be a great opportunity to talk with business representatives, complete job applications and learn more about what the local labor market has to offer. Businesses will include: manufacturing, professional, food service, medical service, health services, office administration, hospitality and much more. Bring a good black ball point pen, resume and dress for success. Please make arrangements for your children in advance and do not

bring strollers as space is very limited. The job fair is open to the general public. Good luck in your job seeking and we will see you there. If further information is needed, you may call Bill Kiser at 677-2177 or Robert Relyea at 677-2222.

COUNTY MANAGER'S MESSAGE



The summer of 2008 is coming to an end. It's been a challenging time, what with high gas prices, our parking lots in disarray and the ongoing challenges that we all deal with in county government. I do want to commend county employees for finding innovative ways to minimize the high gas prices (hope you saw the story on our carpooling Tax Department employees in the July 22 Fayetteville Observer) and for dealing cheerfully with the difficulty in finding a place to park each morning. The repaving of the parking lot behind the building should be complete before our next newsletter in November, so your patience will be rewarded with a smooth, safe, re-oriented parking lot.

This year the County's UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN will run in October, in order to comply with the United Way's desire to have that campaign complete before November 1. Please consider contributing as generously as you can to this campaign. Your contribution can be automatically deducted from your paycheck over the coming year. The agencies that are supported by the United Way are our partners in making this community a better place, and I encourage you to participate.

Be prepared for any hurricanes that may come our way. The number for employees to call to see if county operations and work schedules are affected by any such inclement weather is 678-7701.



Carolina Panthers Teach Skills to Youngsters

The CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION in partnership with Fayetteville-Cumberland Park and Recreation, Cumberland County Council for Healthy lifestyles and Safe Kids Cumberland County sponsored a Carolina Panthers junior training camp for approximately two hundred youngsters at Westover Recreation center.

Panther's coaching staff taught and demonstrated football skills and strategies. More importantly, the youngsters were taught self-discipline. Perseverance, determination, sportsmanship, competitiveness and respect for self and others.

The youth also learned about healthy eating and physical activity. The day ended with a "healthy" cook-out, providing an opportunity for the youngsters to taste-test turkey burgers and franks. Also served were baked chips, fruit and water. Cumberland County Department of Public Health would like to offer a special "thank -you" to McDonald's for providing the apple-dippers.



2008 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TOUR



The annual Extension Tour was held on Monday, June 2, 2008. The tour is sponsored by CUMBERLAND COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION and the Cumberland County Extension Advisory Council. The tour provides an opportunity for local government officials, County Administration, Advisory Council members, and Cooperative Extension staff to visit a variety of projects throughout the county in which Cooperative Extension has been involved.

The first stop on the 2008 tour was the Spring Lake Family Resource Center Stormwater Best Management Demonstration Pond. Established in 2000, this demonstration pond hosts numerous plants, nesting boxes to attract birds, an observation bench and an informational kiosk. The site has been used to enhance science projects and demonstrates best management practices of an artificial wetland and rain gardens. Cooperative Extension and NCSU Extension Agricultural and Biological Engineering, partnered with several other County departments, school groups, and organizations to establish the demonstration pond.

The next tour stop was the Sandhills Heritage Center, also located in Spring Lake. Formerly called the Spring Lake Civic Center, the Sandhills Heritage Center was founded by African Americans as a recreational facility for local black youth in 1951. The center was used for youth and adult social gatherings such as

family reunions and birthday parties. During the 1960's it also served as a civil rights meeting place. Plans are underway, by the Sandhills Family Heritage Association, to restore the facility to serve as an African American Heritage Center. The center often hosts events and tours featuring African American Heritage.

A farmer's market has also been established on the site and began its second year of operation the first Saturday in June. Kenneth Bailey, Cumberland County Commercial Horticulture Agent and Dr. John O'Sullivan, A&T Farm Management Specialist, have provided educational assistance to the Farmer's Market.

The third stop of the tour was Long Valley Farm, also located in Spring Lake. Long Valley Farm is owned by the Nature Conservancy. James Stillman Rockefeller, longtime owner of Long Valley Farm, had a strong desire to see the farm permanently protected from development so upon his death he bequeathed the property to The Nature Conservancy. The property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Approximately two-thirds of Long Valley Farm's thirteen hundred and eighty acres are wooded, with remainder comprised of pasture and farm fields. There are a number of structures located on the property to include a large home which was used by the Rockefeller family. During the numerous years the property belonged to the Rockefellers, the farm produced everything from cattle and tobacco to timber and turpentine. Dr. Jim Green, Cooperative Extension Forage Specialist, and George Autry, County Extension Director, met with the Nature Conservancy as they determined the best options for the property.

The last stop on the tour was the FTCC Horticulture Building which is located at Cape Fear Botanical Garden. Cumberland County Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with Dr. Bill Hunt, NCSU Extension Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist in the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department at NCSU, is in the process of establishing a water harvesting system at Fayetteville Technical Community College Horticulture Building located at Cape Fear Botanical Garden. This system will capture the rain water from the roof of the building and store it in a cistern to be used for irrigation.

The tour ended with lunch on the grounds of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden. Everyone enjoyed the showcase tour which highlighted some of the various Cooperative Extension projects throughout Cumberland County.



LIBRARY NAMES DEPUTY DIRECTOR



BRIAN K. MANNING is the new deputy director of the CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER. A former attorney, Manning replaces Jody Risacher, who became the library system's director in January. Manning has worked as a reference and resource librarian at the Spring Lake Branch Library since December 2006 and was promoted to deputy director on Aug. 4.

Manning graduated from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1989. He worked for 14 years as a civil litigation attorney in Fayetteville, the last two years spent running his own practice. Manning switched careers after earning a master's degree in library science from North Carolina Central University in 2006.

A native of West Virginia, Manning holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Concord College in Athens, W.Va. His professional background also includes serving as an adjunct instructor in the paralegal programs at both Fayetteville Technical Community College and Methodist University. His community involvement includes volunteer work with St. Ann Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Cape Fear Botanical Gardens and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

"Brian brings well-developed analytical and interpersonal skills to the position of deputy director," Risacher said. "His extensive legal background will be a great asset to the library. Brian's community involvement, too, is a big plus for the library. His volunteerism indicates his interest in the health and well-being of this community."

Library Hosts Anime Convention Sept. 6

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER will host an anime mini-convention on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane.

Teens, their families, and anime fans of all ages are invited to the second annual Librari-Con, Cumberland County's only mini-convention celebrating the art and culture of Japanese animation, manga, American comics, and graphic novels. This event is free of charge.

THE DAY WILL FEATURE:

- Anime and J-Pop music videos
- "How-to-draw manga" and creative writing workshops (class size is limited, on-site registration only)
- Anime improv and trivia games with the G.n.F Club
- Local artists in the Artists' Alley
- Special Guests: Manga / Comic Artists and Voice Actors
- Members from the Carolina Garrison of the 501st Legion, an international STAR WARS costuming enthusiasts group and charitable organization
- Forums and panels with special guests and librarians
- Cosplay Runway where you can dress up as your favorite anime characters and strut your stuff
- Library card registration and membership sign-ups for the Friends of the Library

Librari-Con 2008 is hosted by the Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center and sponsored by The Friends of the Library with the generous support of The East Coast Anime Society (E.C.A.S.) and Anime Arsenal Entertainment. For additional information, contact Melissa Lang at 483-7727 ext. 306 and check us out online at: <http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us/ccplyouth/teens-Librari-Con2008.htm>



LIBRARY CLOSURES

Spring Lake and North Regional Branch are going to have worn carpeting replaced with tile soon and this will involve closing each of those branches for a period of three days. The Spring Lake Branch will be closed September 17, 18, and 19 and North Regional Branch will be closed on October 3, 4, and 5.

Author to Highlight Lafayette Celebration

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER and the Lafayette Society are sponsoring a lecture and book signing at the Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane, on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. for historian Alan R. Hoffman.

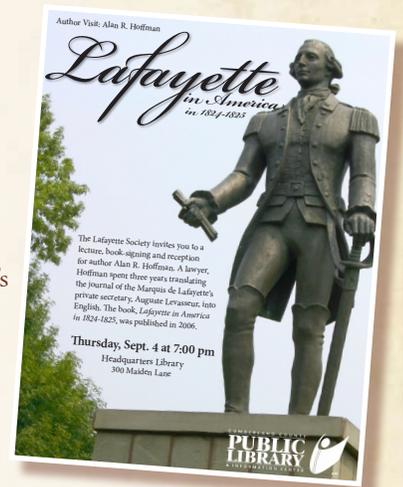
Hoffman's translation of Auguste Levasseur's LAFAYETTE IN AMERICA IN 1824-1825 was published in 2006. The book is the first complete translation into English of the detailed journal kept by the Marquis de Lafayette's private secretary during Lafayette's Grand Tour of the United States on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The program will begin with a showing of "Vive Lafayette," a short documentary on Fayetteville's celebration of Lafayette's 250th birthday in 2007. Copies of LAFAYETTE IN AMERICA IN 1824-1825 will be available for purchase.

This program is one of many events planned for Sept. 4-6 as part of the Lafayette Society's annual celebration of Lafayette's birthday. For a listing of all events, or to learn more about Lafayette, visit www.lafayette250.com.

Lafayette first came from France to America as a 19-year-old nobleman to fight in the Revolutionary War against England. His heroics at Brandywine and Yorktown, coupled with his fervent support of equal rights for all men after he returned to France, later earned him the title "Hero of Two Worlds." Invited by President James Monroe in 1824 to visit the country he helped to found, Lafayette was greeted by enthusiastic crowds and elaborate receptions everywhere he went.

Levasseur was a young French officer who had participated in a conspiracy against the Bourbon monarchy in the early 1820s. His journal not only traces Lafayette's year-long tour of America, but also provides eyewitness accounts of intimate visits with Monroe, John Adams, James Madison, and Thomas Jefferson.



CUMBERLAND HOSTS EDUCATOR WORKSHOP

THE John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center at Lake Rim was the location of a three-day educators' workshop on June 24, 25 and 26, 2008.

Thirteen elementary, middle and high school teachers and two non-formal educators from Cumberland, Bladen and Robeson Counties attended. Each received twenty hours of continuing education credits and curriculum for NC Food, Land and People, Project WET and Project Webfoot FREE!

Project Food, Land and People (FLP) is the North Carolina Division of Soil and Water Conservation's signature education program. FLP provides educational resources (fifty-four lessons) and promotes approaches to learning that help educators and students in grades PreK-12 to better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment and the people of the world. FLP facilitators Kay Bullard, Joanna McPhatter and Sidney Post presented hands-on lessons. Rhonda Murphy, Marketing Director for House of Raeford and Tara Herringdine, Owner and Dance Instructor of Cumberland Dance Academy, were guest speakers. The group toured Gillis Hill Farm, located off Hwy. 401, to learn about agri-tourism.

Holly Denham, Project WET Coordinator for the NC Division of Water Resources was the facilitator for the Project WET and Project Webfoot curriculum. In addition to classroom lessons, the teachers spent a morning at Lake Rim Park doing stream samplings and examining wetland soils. Project WET activities engage students with hands-on, interdisciplinary lessons that teach important concepts about water.

The goal of Project Webfoot, which is sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, is to teach today's students - who are tomorrow's decision-makers and conservation leaders - about the tremendous value of wetland habitats.

Each teacher received a box of resources from Ducks Unlimited valued at \$300.

Cumberland County's Register of Deeds, J. Lee Warren, Jr., visited with the group during the workshop. Mr. Warren is the State Chairman of Ducks Unlimited.

The workshop was sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, Cumberland SWCD, Robeson SWCD and Area VII



L to R: Joanna McPhatter, Lee Warren, Holly Denham, Kay Bullard

The County Fair Is Considerate of Moms and Babies

As part of this year's World Breastfeeding Week celebration, The Breastfeeding Coalition of Cumberland County recognized 13 businesses, organizations, medical offices, and individuals in our community who were nominated for their support of breastfeeding. The breastfeeding support nominations were made by people within the community and members of the coalition that recognized the breastfeeding support provided by these businesses and individuals.

Among the thirteen recognized was MR. HUBERT BULLARD, the CUMBERLAND COUNTY FAIR Manager. Mr. Bullard was recognized for his continued support to the Cumberland County WIC Loving Support Breastfeeding Peer Counselors. The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors provide the "Rock N Rest" area at the Cumberland County Fair. The "Rock N Rest" is located in the Expo center during the fair and provides a place for the expectant mothers to rest and the breastfeeding mothers to have a place to comfortably breastfeed their babies. With his continued support the breastfeeding mothers attending the fair receive the support they need.



Recognition was also given to: Babywear LTD., Motherhood Maternity, Babies R Us, A Woman's Place, Carolina Pediatrics, Rainbow Pediatrics, Fayetteville Children's Clinic, Therapy Playground, Pizza Hut on Reilly Road, The Partnership for Children, Cracker Barrel, and Tammy Myatt, International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. The mission of the Breastfeeding Coalition of Cumberland County is to promote, protect, and support breastfeeding through a cooperative network of individuals, agencies, and organizations in Cumberland County. It is the Coalition's goal to raise awareness about the importance of breastfeeding and the breastfeeding support available in our community. This year the coalition published a resource guide to provide this information to the community. Anyone interested in helping the coalition to achieve their goals is invited to attend their quarterly meetings. Contact Marian Kuczero, International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, Cumberland County WIC Program at 433-3794.



SEPTEMBER 18-28, 2008

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE CUMBERLAND
COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM AND SAVE \$20.00
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(cash, check, credit card)**

**Includes Gate Admission, Unlimited Carnival Rides,
Food & Other Fair Products**

**Call Donna Foster at 321-6864
to order your tickets**

**OR visit the 4-H Department at:
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301 East Mountain Drive, Room 246**



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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.

VISIT US ON THE WEB: [HTTP:// WWW.CO.CUMBERLAND.NC.US/](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/)

THERE WHEN YOU NEED A FRIEND



Everyone needs a real friend now and then. The kind of friend that can be trusted to keep a confidence, the kind of friend that truly wants you to be untroubled and unperturbed.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can be a friend to you and your family members. Whether you are being overwhelmed with a personal or a work-related concern, let your EAP professional work with you to solve your issues. Your supervisor does not have to be made aware you are using the program, unless you choose to share that information.

To initiate the assistance of the Employee Assistance Program, please call 222-6157. If you call, you'll find a friend who wants to help.

The County's Own Designing Woman

The County's own ANGIE CUNNINGHAM, PRINT SHOP SUPERVISOR, entered a competition to design a new logo for the local Chamber of Commerce. Reasserting their identity after years of being a part of the Cumberland County Business Council, the Chamber wanted a fresh new look that re-established the Chamber's autonomy.

Angie's design was chosen as the winning entry, and she was present at the grand unveiling of the new logo at a mid-day ceremony at the Market House. Breeden Blackwell, Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, was on hand, too, to unfurl the banner showing the new logo and launching the Chamber's new look.

