



CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONNECTION

Sign Up To Receive Emergency Alerts



THE COUNTY HAS A NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM that will send out alerts to county residents. Citizens can sign up for the service through the county's website, www.co.cumberland.nc.us, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page to ensure that their contact information is updated and included in the database.

Cumberland County Emergency Services has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification service. The CodeRED system provides county officials the ability to quickly deliver weather warnings and other urgent messages to targeted areas or to the entire county.

Emergency Services Director Kenny Currie cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them.

"If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called," Currie said. The system will give individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database. "No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included."

Residents are able to supply as many phone numbers for one address as they choose; however, they cannot supply numerous addresses for one phone number. Citizens can also supply email addresses and choose to receive text messages. At the bottom of the link, they will notice the Weather Warning box. This is where they choose whether or not they wish to receive the weather warnings, and if so, which warnings they want to receive (flash flood, tornado, and/or severe weather).

Citizens without Internet access may call the Emergency Management Office at 910-678-7641 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number.

Flu Shot Clinics

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at Mental Health Executive Place**

More Information on Page 9.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.flu.nc.gov



JAMES MARTIN

County Manager's Message

JUST DAYS BEFORE Hurricane Irene was poised to strike the North Carolina coast, Cumberland County Emergency Services announced a new emergency notification service to warn county residents of impending harm and provide important information.

I encourage each of you to sign up for the CodeRED notifications by visiting the County homepage and clicking on the CodeRED link. By registering your phone numbers, you are ensuring that you are included in the database when alerts are sent out to the public.

Hurricane season will be with us through November so if you haven't done so already, take a few minutes to review your emergency plans. Signing up for CodeRed will take only a few minutes and will help keep you informed of severe weather and other urgent information.

Fall is here and that means it is time for annual events like the Cumberland County Fair, which runs Sept. 15-25. This annual family event will showcase our county's agricultural heritage, complete with exhibits, competitions and livestock shows.

Finally, don't forget to get your flu shot this year. We've scheduled several flu clinics to make it easy for you to protect your health.

Backpacks Donated to Homeless Students

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS office donated more than 320 backpacks stuffed with school supplies to Cumberland County Schools for distribution to homeless students. The school system has identified more than 800 homeless students in Cumberland County Schools.

This is the third year in a row that the office has conducted the school supply drive, which has grown each year. In 2009, 120 backpacks were donated; last year, 220 were presented to the school system.

Register of Deeds Lee Warren thanked various media outlets, businesses and individual donors who supported the effort and contributed supplies and monetary gifts.

"Through their combined efforts this year 320 homeless children will begin the new school year with much needed school supplies, backpacks, toothpaste and toothbrushes," Warren said.



County Chairman Kenneth Edge Inaugurated as NCACC President

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD KENNETH EDGE was sworn in as President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) on Saturday, Aug. 20, during the Association's 104th Annual Conference, which was held in Cabarrus County.

Superior Court Judge Jim Ammons performed the inauguration ceremony for Chairman Edge and the other elected county commissioners who will serve as NCACC officers in 2011-12.

As NCACC President, Edge will work closely with the other members of the NCACC Executive Committee to guide the NCACC Board of Directors on legislative and administrative issues affecting counties throughout the year.

Edge has served on the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners since 2000. He was elected NCACC Second Vice

President in August 2009 after serving two years on the NCACC Board of Directors as an At-Large Appointee. He moved up to First Vice President in August 2010, and was appointed by the NCACC Board of Directors as President Elect in December 2010.

He is the fourth president to hail from Cumberland County in the Association's 103-year history, following Virginia Oliver (1985-86), Billy King (1996-97) and J. Breeden Blackwell (2004-05).



Judge Jim Ammons, right, swears in Commissioner Edge as NCACC President.

King Re-elected to National Organization's Board

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER BILLY R. KING was re-elected to a two-year term to the Board of Directors for the National Association of Counties (NACo) during NACo's Annual Conference, which was held July 15-19 in Portland, Ore.

King was elected to his third two-year term holding one of three seats earned by North Carolina on the NACo Board. NACo is the only national organization representing county government. The NACo Board of Directors supervises, manages and controls the business and property of the association, determines NACo's mission as identified by the members and monitors NACo's success in fulfilling its mission. Due to his service on the NACo Board, King also becomes a member of the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). King served as NCACC president in 1996-97. He has been a Cumberland County Commissioner since 1990 and is the longest-serving member of the board.



Commissioner Billy R. King, left, was recognized by Commissioner Edge at the August 1 Board of Commissioners meeting.

County Honored for Excellence in Financial Reporting

THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of the United States and Canada has awarded Cumberland County with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the county's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2010. The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Deputy County Manager Amy Cannon, the county's financial director, received a Certificate of Achievement plaque commending the county for achieving the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.

The county's CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to fully communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

County Saves \$4.28 million by Bond Refunding

During July, CUMBERLAND COUNTY refinanced four prior debt obligations in a series of two bond sales, which were previously issued for school facility needs and the Public Health Center on Ramsey Street. The series of refinancing resulted in a total savings of \$4.28 million.

Deputy County Manager Amy Cannon, the county's finance officer, said the savings will amount to an average annual savings of \$160,000 over the remaining 18 years outstanding for the first series and an average annual savings for the second series of \$123,000 for the remaining 12 years.

Cumberland County was able to achieve these savings by maintaining Standard & Poor's Rating of AA+ and Moody's Rating of Aa2.

"This successful debt refunding is indicative of the county's high credit quality resulting from consistent, solid financial performance, strength in the local economy and prudent financial management," Cannon said.



Amy Cannon, right, accepts award from Commissioner Marshall Faircloth.

Gray's Creek Referendum

VOTERS IN THE GRAY'S CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT will decide Nov. 8 on a \$21 million bond referendum to fund a district water system. Community meetings will take place in September and October. Information is available at http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/public_utility/grays_creek.aspx.

2011 Heart Association Raffle Ticket Winners

\$500 – Steve Bunce, *Local attorney who donated his winnings to the American Heart Association*

\$400 – Todd Shockley, *Veterans Services*

\$300 – Elaine Coleman, *Child Support*

\$200 – Denise Sykes, *Planning & Inspections*

\$100 – Gloria Simms, *Emergency Services*

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who participated this year. We raised \$5,510 for the American Heart Association with the fundraiser.

American Heart Association®



Learn and Live™



Kaleb Wilkes, center, son of David Wilkes, server administrator in Information Services, was part of a drama team that acted in a skit during the *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* taping in Fayetteville in July. Mark your calendar for Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. to see Kaleb and Fayetteville on national TV.



Land Use Planning

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT is working with citizens in the southwest area of the county to prepare a Detailed Land Use Plan. Residents are invited to share their ideas, concerns, and visions for the future of the community at several upcoming meetings. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Deloma West at (910) 678-7611.

EAP Offers Depression Screening

OCT. 7 IS NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY. If you would like to participate in a free confidential screening, please call the Employee Assistance Program at 222-6157.



DSS News

“Fall Into Work” Job Fair on Oct. 12 at Crown

JOB SEEKERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO NETWORK WITH PERSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS during the “Fall into Work” Job Fair on Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crown Expo Center on East Mountain Drive. Employers representing more than 100 businesses will be there waiting to share information on job opportunities.



The Cumberland County Department of Social Services Work First Program is partnering with Fayetteville Technical Community College, City of Fayetteville Community Development, Beasley Broadcast Group, and the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce to present the 13th annual job fair, which is free and open to the public. The business sponsors are Boddie-Noell Enterprises (Hardee’s) and Fayetteville Public Works Commission.

More than 100 business vendors participated in last year’s fair, which drew a crowd of more than 4,700 job seekers.

Van shuttle service to and from the job fair will be provided for those needing a ride. The B & W Transportation Company will provide four 15-passenger vans

for job seekers to ride to and from the event. Pick up and drop off points will be at the Job Link/Employment Security Commission Parking Lot at 414 Ray Avenue; Department of Social Services (Hillsboro Street Side) at 1225 Ramsey Street; and the Crown Expo Center. Van service will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Pickups will be made approximately every 15 minutes with the last trip from the Crown Expo Center departing at 3 p.m. For questions concerning the Job Fair please call 677-2177 or 677-2222.



KOCH

Social Workers Honored

KIM KOCH received the Social Worker of the quarter award for April-June. She is a Social Worker III and has been with the agency since December 2007.

SHIRITA HAMILTON is the Social Worker of the quarter for July – September. She is a Social Worker investigator and has been with the agency since February 1998.



HAMILTON

ChildFirst Training Offered

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES is proud to announce that it is bringing ChildFirst training to North Carolina. ChildFirst is a nationally recognized training for conducting forensic interviews of children who have been sexually abused. The agency is partnering with the social services agencies in Bladen and Hoke Counties as well as the Child Advocacy Center in Fayetteville to bring the training here.

To become a ChildFirst State, you must apply to the National Child Protection Training center in Minnesota who partners with Cornerhouse to present this training. A grant along with private donations is providing the funding for our community to train faculty that can present the training in North Carolina.

The faculty training is a three-week process that will end in June 2012. We will then join 17 other states and one country in becoming a ChildFirst state and will be able to offer this valuable training across the state of North Carolina.

Health Department News

New Deputy Health Director

ROD JENKINS became the Cumberland County deputy health director in July. Before joining the Health Department, he was the Robeson County assistant county manager for two years. Prior to that, he was the director of financial aid and veterans affairs for Robeson Community College. Jenkins worked for more than 10 years with Wachovia Bank and served in the South Carolina National Guard for eight years.

A 1997 graduate of The Citadel, Jenkins earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in health administration from the University of South Carolina.



JENKINS

Congratulations for an Outstanding Job

PHYLLIS MCLYMORE-MOORE, Public Health Educator II, has been recognized by the North Carolina Healthy Start Foundation for doing an outstanding job in using and incorporating the My Health Journal Tool Kit into her existing HIV and STD prevention programs. The foundation's Resources in Communities Helps Encourage Solutions program provided McLymore-Moore with three \$45 gift cards to be used in the educational programs.



National Health Education Week October 16-22

NATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK is Oct. 16-22. During this week, the contributions of health educators and the practice of health education are given special acknowledgement. The Cumberland County Public Health Department's Health Education Team consists of Barbara Carraway, Supervisor; Phyllis McLymore-Moore, Communicable Disease Educator; Karen McLeod, Health Promotion Coordinator; Chasity

Sessoms, Wellness Coordinator; Martina Sconiers, Women's Health Educator; and Robyn Johnson, Disease Intervention Specialist.

The theme for this year is "Health Literacy." Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information needed to make appropriate health decisions. Up to 80 percent of patients forget what their doctor says as soon as they leave the office and nearly 50 percent of what patients remember is recalled incorrectly. Low health literacy is associated with:

- Lack of knowledge and understanding about health conditions and services
- Inability to implement appropriate self-care activities
- Difficulty understanding medication instructions and adhering to treatment
- Lower utilization of preventive care and services
- Increased hospitalizations and health care costs
- Worse health outcomes and increased mortality

For more information pertaining to "Health Literacy" and health education programs, please contact Toolkit for Literacy Organizations to get started or Phyllis McLymore-Moore at 433-3894.

What You Need to Know About Hepatitis A

By Dr. Lan Tran-Phu

HEPATITIS A HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF ATTENTION in the last few weeks following the announcement that the Cumberland County Health Department was conducting free immunization clinics for individuals who may have been exposed to the illness through a local restaurant worker. Although those clinics ended on Aug. 22, there may still be some lingering questions, which I hope to answer here.

Hepatitis A infection is caused by the Hepatitis A virus (HAV), which is acquired by mouth, replicated in the liver, excreted in the bile, and finally shed in the stools. The average incubation period is 28 days. HAV infection can be either asymptomatic or symptomatic in humans. Symptoms include fever, malaise, appetite loss, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine, and jaundice.

The majority of infected children under the age of 6 are asymptomatic; if illness does occur, it is typically not accompanied by jaundice. Older children and adults infected with HAV are typically symptomatic, often with jaundice. Signs and symptoms typically last less than two months, although in some, they can last up to six months. Infected persons excrete the virus for one to three weeks in feces. HAV concentration in stool is highest one to two weeks before the onset of illness and minimal the week after the onset of jaundice. Children may excrete the virus longer than adults, up to 10 weeks after onset of clinical illness. Chronic shedding of HAV in feces does not occur. Transmission occurs most frequently among close households and extended family contacts, or by ingestion of contaminated foods or water. Contaminated uncooked and cooked foods can transmit HAV if cooking is inadequate to kill the virus. Depending on conditions, HAV can be stable in the environment for months. Heating foods at temperatures greater than 185 degrees Fahrenheit for one minute or disinfecting surfaces with household bleach in tap water is necessary to inactivate HAV.



Beginning in 1995, the use of the highly effective hepatitis A vaccines to protect persons from infection and to reduce disease incidence by preventing transmission made hepatitis A a vaccine-preventable disease. The vaccines are highly protective: more than 95 percent of children, adolescents and adults develop protective antibody within four weeks of a single dose of vaccine, and nearly 100 percent after receiving two doses.

The hepatitis A vaccine can be 79 percent effective in preventing infection after exposure to hepatitis A. The Immune Globulin is a sterile preparation of concentrated antibodies made from pooled human plasma and is 80 to 90 percent effective in preventing hepatitis A when administered within two weeks after an exposure to HAV. Finally, careful hand washing is important to preventing the spread of this and other illnesses and should include vigorous cleaning with soap and running water for a minimum of 20 seconds. All surfaces should be washed including the back of the hands, wrists, between fingers and under fingernails.

Dr. Lan Tran-Phu is the medical director for the Cumberland County Public Health Department.

America On The Move

IN SEPTEMBER, AMERICA ON THE MOVE will host STEPtember 2011, its sixth annual, month-long celebration highlighting how easy it is to be active and eat healthier. During the event, AOM will encourage Americans to try its small changes approach to healthier living, allowing hundreds of thousands of Americans to experience the simplicity, power, and success of making small changes to live a healthier life.

Small changes that you may make:

- Take 2,000 more steps (about one mile)
- Eat 100 fewer calories
- Eat foods high in fiber
- Drink more water
- Include a buddy to help keep you motivated

For more information on this topic contact: Chasity Sessoms, Wellness Coordinator at 433-3896 or csessoms@co.cumberland.nc.us or you may also refer to www.americaonthemove.org.



Flu Shot Clinics Offered to Employees

THE FLU SHOTS ARE FREE to all employees and their dependents age 4 and over with Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage. You must bring your current BCBS Healthcare card and a picture ID. For those employees who do not have BCBS coverage with Cumberland County the cost for the shot will be \$30 (cash or check). If you are unable to attend one of the dates listed above, contact your primary care physician to schedule an appointment to receive your flu shot. There should not be a charge as long as your visit is for the flu shot only. (Children under age 4 must receive shots from their primary care physician.)

Mark Your Calendar Now!

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Cooperative Extension News

Cooperative Extension Agents Receive Honors

KENNY BAILEY, Agricultural Extension Agent with Cumberland County Cooperative Extension, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) in Overland Park, Kansas, on Aug. 11. The DSA is the highest award bestowed upon its members by the NACAA. Bailey has been an Extension Agent in Cumberland County since 1993 and is responsible for commercial horticulture, beekeeping and pond management programs within the county.

ANGELA SHAVER, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent for Cumberland County, recently received a professional development scholarship and a Search for Excellence Award from N.C. Cooperative Extension.

Shaver was honored at the Cooperative Extension's district conference held in Fayetteville. The N.C. Cooperative Extension Service Foundation Search for Excellence Award in Extension Resource

Development is sponsored by the North Carolina Grange. The purpose of the award is to promote and identify professional excellence within Cooperative Extension.

Shaver received the award for her work in raising more than \$750,000 for the Bladen County 4-H Program during the past seven years. For this recognition, Shaver received an \$800 professional development award that she will use to attend the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference this fall.

Shaver was the 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent in Bladen County before moving to the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Center in March.

Shaver also received the Carolyn Stanley Barnes and George Edward Barnes 4-H Graduate Education Scholarship in the amount of \$200. This scholarship is designed to support graduate students who are currently working as a 4-H Extension professional. Shaver will use this scholarship to support her continuing education efforts in earning a graduate certificate in youth and family development from N.C. State University.



(Left to right) Dr. Joe Zublena, Director of Extension Administration, NCSU; Sheri Schwab, NCCES Director of County Operations, NCSU; Kenneth Bailey, Extension Agent; and Dr. Ray McKinney, Administrator Cooperative Extension, NC A&T State University.



SHAVER

Groups Survey for Interest in Local Foods

GARDENERS who grow their own food know the value of a tasty tomato picked right from their gardens. Perhaps for this reason, they are more likely to seek out locally grown fruits, vegetables, and other food from farmers markets and farm stands.

There is growing interest in fresh local food in Cumberland and surrounding counties. Cumberland County Cooperative Extension, the NC Farm Center for Innovation and Sustainability, and Sustainable Sandhills are seeking your input to determine if a Community Supported Agriculture subscriber service would be supported in Cumberland County. Community Supported Agriculture, or CSA, is a way for consumers to purchase locally grown, seasonal fruits and vegetables directly from farmers. A CSA works pretty much like a subscription to a magazine. You pay a fee for a weekly supply of fresh, local food. Local growers supply whatever is at its peak that week.

Please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5SV6NQK> and complete a quick survey. This survey will help us determine if a CSA would be supported in Cumberland County.

Cumberland County Youth Development Share Fair



Who: Cumberland County Government
Departments and Employees

What: Youth Development Share Fair

When: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 @ 10:00 am

Where: North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Cumberland County Center
301 East Mountain Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306

Why: Come share your department's youth development program opportunities and please bring brochures and/or publications to promote your program.

Light refreshments will be served

Please call Donna Foster at 910-321-6864 or e-mail donna_foster@ncsu.edu to register your department.

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Angela Shaver, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development at 910-321-6867 or angela_shaver@ncsu.edu or in person at the Cumberland County Extension Office at least 10 days prior to the event.



North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. In addition, the two universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

4-H News

4-H Sells Advance Fair Tickets

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY 4-H DEPARTMENT will be selling ADVANCE FAIR TICKETS for the Cumberland County Fair through Wednesday, Sept. 14. The Cumberland County Fair will operate from Sept. 15-25 with gates opening at 5 p.m. daily and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. ADVANCE FAIR TICKETS are good for any day, except Sept. 19 when the fair is closed.

ADVANCE FAIR TICKETS are only \$10 (\$41 value) and includes rides, admission, entertainment and coupons. Please help support the Cumberland County 4-H Program. \$1 from every advance ticket sale will be given back to support the 4-H program. Please contact Donna Foster at 910-321-6864 for more information.

Cumberland 4-H Youth Attends NCACC Youth Summit



TURNER

LAVETTE TURNER, a 4-H'er from Cumberland County, attended the second annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Youth Summit held in Concord, N.C., Aug. 19-20. North Carolina 4-H and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service partnered for the second year with the NCACC on a multi-year initiative to increase youth involvement in county government.

This initiative also aims to identify issues and solutions that are facing youth in North Carolina.

Turner is a member of the Simply Inclusive 4-H Club. More than 85 youth and adults from over 70 counties in North Carolina attended the event, sponsored and supported by the NCACC.

Cumberland County 4-H Member Represents 4-H on NC SPIN

Ashley Williams of Cumberland County will be one of four North Carolina 4-H members to appear on a special 4-H edition of NC SPIN, a public affairs show that will air Sunday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 a.m. on WRAL-TV. Williams, a graduate of Massey Hill Classical High School, is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

NC 4-H Horse Bowl Team Wins at World Competition

RUTHY VORDER-BRUEGGE, a 15-year-old member of the Hoofbeats 4-H Club in Cumberland County, was part of a four-person team from North Carolina that won first place in the horse bowl competition at the 2011 Built Ford Tough American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show. The Horse Bowl Contest is designed to offer an opportunity for youths interested in horses to display the knowledge they have gained in a competitive and friendly atmosphere.

Vorder-Bruegge also won the NC 4-H State Horse Presentation contest in July and placed first in horse presentations at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Tunica, Mississippi. She will advance to more national presentation competitions this fall. She was also a member of the NC 4-H Hippology Team, which won first place, and she was named fifth place overall.



Soil and Water Conservation Offers Educator Workshops

Growing Up WILD Workshop

On Aug. 10, Cumberland Soil & Water Conservation District hosted a “Growing Up WILD – Exploring Nature with Young Children” workshop. Nineteen early childhood educators attended. Mike Campbell, Coastal Outreach Educator for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, was the presenter for this free program.

Growing Up Wild is an education program for children ages three through seven years that builds on children’s sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, Growing Up Wild provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about nature and lifelong social and academic skills. Each participant received a copy of the Growing Up Wild activity guide that features 27 field-tested, hands on, nature-based activities.



Food, Land & People Workshop

The Cumberland Soil & Water Conservation District was a co-sponsor of the Area VII North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Project Wet / Food, Land and People (FLP) Educator Workshop held on June 27, 28 and 30 at the John E. Pechmenn Fish and Education Center in Fayetteville. Fifteen educators received continuing education credits, curriculum and resources that help educators and students in grades PreK-12 better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment and the people of the world.

Kay Bullard of Cumberland SWCD and Joanna McPhatter of Robeson SWCD were facilitators for the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation’s signature education program. Holly Denham, NC Project WET Coordinator for NCDENR

Division of Water Resources, was the Project WET facilitator. Guest presenters for FLP were Chris Earp of House of Raeford Farms; Candy Underwood and Krista Caison of Cumberland County Cooperative Extension; Terry Lengel, beekeeper; Cyndy Murphy of Great Harvest Bread Company and John Gillis of Gillis Hill Farms.



Food, Land & People Workshop participants pause for a photo with John Gillis before boarding the wagon for a tour of Gillis Hill Farms.

Library News

Library Receives State Award

In August, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners presented the CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER with the Local Government Federal Credit Union Employee Productivity Award for the Bordeaux Branch Library Technology Upgrade.

Deputy Library Director Brian Manning and Bordeaux Branch Manager Larry Gavin accepted the award on behalf of the library team that coordinated the library's upgrade and redesign. A \$1,000 award was donated to the Friends of the Library to benefit services at the Bordeaux Branch Library.

Library Receives Grant for Teens

Teens using CLIFFDALE REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY can look forward to new programming thanks to a \$10,000 grant awarded by the Youth Growth Stock Trust that will provide funding to purchase laptop computers and other equipment to give teens improved access to online homework resources as well as job and career and college information. Library staff members will instruct teens on database use and offer technology-based programs such as internet safety and the prevention of cyber bullying.



Larry Gavin, left and Brian Manning

Foreign Language Book Sale Sept. 9-10

On Sept. 9 and 10, HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY, 300 Maiden Lane, will offer a one-of-a-kind Friends of the Library book sale of foreign language books at rock bottom prices from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Pate Room. Covering nearly 25 languages, this collection includes fiction and nonfiction for children and adults.

For 13 years, Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center managed a foreign language collection subscription service for lending books to participating North Carolina public libraries. However, with many libraries facing sharp budget cuts, it is no longer feasible to maintain. For more information about the sale, or other library programs and services, call 483-7727, or visit www.cumberland.lib.nc.us.

Library's 3rd Annual Storytelling Festival Welcomes Everyone

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER has received a \$4,175 matching project support grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County in support of the 3rd annual Cumberland County Storytelling Festival to be held Oct. 28-29. Stories and music by the Parsons kick off this free, family event during Fourth Friday activities on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at Headquarters Library. The festival continues Saturday with arts and crafts in the children's area and Madubani Art workshops in the children's story room. Storytelling is presented throughout the afternoon in the Pate Room.

For more information about the Storytelling Festival, or other programs and library services, please visit www.cumberland.lib.nc.us, call (910) 483-7727 or find us on Facebook.

The Parsons perform Oct. 28.





Let's Talk About It
**America's
 Greatest
 Conflict**
Novels of the Civil War

Book Discussion Series

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane

September 8, 22

October 6, 20

November 3

Registration for the discussions is required and can be done online, by phone, or in person at any library location. To borrow the book from the library, please request a copy when you register for the discussion.

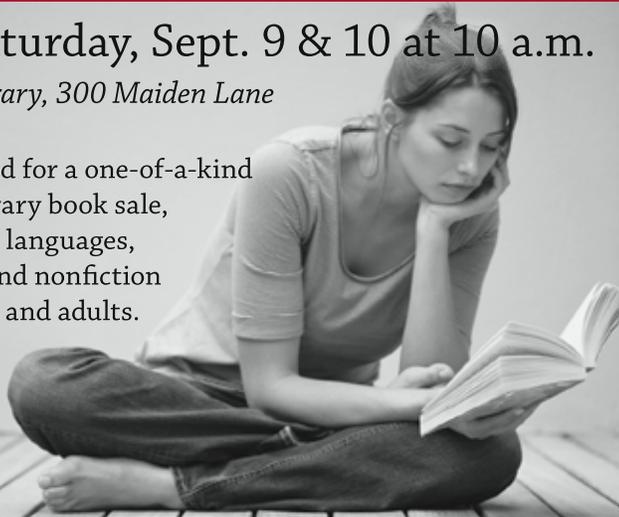
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AUTHOR VISIT

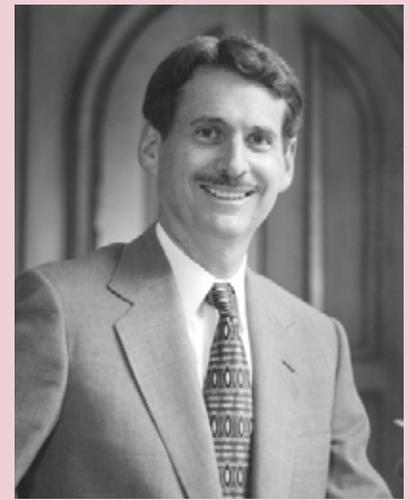
**Anand
 Giridharadas**

The *New York Times* and *International Herald Tribune* columnist speaks about "The Age of the Fusionista: Understanding the New Class That Is Stitching Our World Together" on Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. at Headquarters Library.

Born in the United States to parents from colonized India, Harvard doctoral candidate Giridharadas will share his experience of what it means to live between two different cultures. His first book, *India Calling: An Intimate Portrait of a Nation's Remaking*, is about his return to the India that his parents left.



Photo by Darshan Photography



Dr. Elliot Engel
**The Wizardry of Oz:
 L. Frank Baum**

**Tuesday
 September 20
 7 p.m.**

*Headquarters Library
 300 Maiden Lane*

The most popular Professor Engel reveals the life of L. Frank Baum and the reasons for the enduring fame of his classic American fairy tale. Dr. Engel always enlightens and entertains through anecdotes, analysis, and large doses of humor. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Admission is \$10 for the public, \$5 for Friends members, and \$2 for students. Tickets are sold on a first come - first serve basis at the door. You may join the Friends at the event.

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