

Bald Creek School celebrates being named a National Blue Ribbon School with the public

On Wednesday Dec. 7th, Bald Creek Elementary School invited parents and community members to attend a special program to celebrate being named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School.

The program began with the parade of students, wearing their Blue Ribbon t-shirts as they marched into gym to the beat of the Cane River Middle School Band, under the direction of Christine English. The CRMS Chorus also gave a special performance, under the direction of Roberta Whiteside and accompanied by Courtney Malone. The National Anthem was sung by the Honorable Judge Eggers-Gryder. Guest speakers were, Judge Eggers-Gryder, Mayor Theresa Coletta, YC Commissioners Chairman Johnny Riddle, EDC Chairman Wanda Proffitt, Executive Director/Co

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There are 279 National Blue Ribbon Schools in the US. Only 8 schools in NC were awarded this honor. Principal Sherry Robinson stated, "BCES is honored to receive this award. This has been a team effort of outstanding instructional practices, student performance and tremendous parent support.

It was important to share this national award with our parents and community today. I credit our teachers for having a spirit of Excellence in everything they do.

"I feel like I have the privilege of working with 'experts in their field' ev-



Pictured above is the staff of Bald Creek School. Last week they celebrated National Blue Ribbon School status at the West Yancey School. Photos by David Grindstaff

eryday," Principal Sherry Robinson said.

This program and this exceptional line up of guest speakers has made this honor complete. It truly is "A Great Day at Bald Creek Elementary School.



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Some of the students at Bald Creek Elementary who helped achieve the honor.



A good crowd of well wishers were on hand to celebrate with Bald Creek School on their Blue Ribbon School Day last week.



The Cane River Chorus performed under the direction of Roberta Whiteside.

Tips for a safe and festive Holiday season

By North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper

Nothing ruins holiday cheer faster than becoming the victim of a crime or scam. Rather than taking a break for the holidays, criminals and con artists often prey on distracted shoppers and target homes or cars filled with gifts. By using a little caution and common sense, you can protect yourself and your loved ones this holiday season.

Make your home less appealing to thieves. Keep presents away from windows and doors, and lock up every time you leave.

If you're headed out of town, remember to stop delivery of your mail or get someone to pick it up for you to make sure that identity thieves don't get it. Also, consider setting your lights on an automatic timer to make it look like someone is home.

Stay safe while shopping. Use caution when shopping for gifts by going during daylight hours when possible. If you have to shop at night, try to go with a friend or family member. Park and walk in well-lit areas, and lock valuables and packages in the trunk rather than leaving them out where thieves may see them.

If you feel unsafe walking to your car after dark, ask a store clerk or mall security for an escort.

Shop safely online, too. If you shop online, stick to buying from well-established companies with secure web sites (look for a lock icon on the site and a web address that starts with

"https"). Keep records of your orders and pay by credit card to protect yourself if your order doesn't arrive.

Require signature for deliveries. Thieves have been known to follow delivery trucks into neighborhoods and steal packages left on doorsteps.

Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up any packages that arrive while you're away or opt to have your package held at the nearest service location.

Remember that criminals and scammers don't take a holiday. Always be aware of your surroundings and protect your wallet and access to your credit or debit cards when in public. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Consider paying by credit card because federal

Keep warmer this winter

As Americans prepare for frigid days ahead, energy costs will be at the forefront of consumers minds. As such, experts from Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA) have compiled a list of easy, tried-and-true energy savings tips that can help households and businesses save on heating costs. They include:

- Turning your thermostat back 10° to 15° when you're asleep or out, which saves about 10% annually in heating costs
- Opening curtains on south-facing windows to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home
- Keeping your fireplace damper closed unless a fire

law limits your liability if your credit card is stolen. And never share personal information with telemarketers who call you or respond to emails or text messages that ask you for personal information.

I hope these tips will help you and your family members stay safe and happy during the holidays and into the New Year.

Attorney General Roy Cooper and his staff work from January through December to help North Carolinians make smart shopping choices and avoid crimes and scams.

We are here to be of service when you need us, but though education efforts like these columns we hope to help consumers avoid problems from the start.

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- Using ceiling fans to circulate warm air. Reversing your ceiling fan clockwise helps move warmer pooled air near the ceiling back into the living space
- Keeping doors closed to rooms not in use, especially those with an exterior wall, which makes home heating more efficient

If you'd like to speak with a CEA expert about these tips, plus heating fuel and gasoline costs on the rise following OPEC's agreement to cut production and increase prices, please let me know, and I'd be happy to coordinate

RTAC meeting

The High Country Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) is a collaborative effort between the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey; the incorporated municipalities in the seven counties; the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT); and the High Country (Region D) Council of Governments.

The High Country RPO is involved in all aspects of transportation planning in the region, and operates through the actions of two committees.

The Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC), comprised of county, municipal, and NCDOT staff; and the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC), comprised of county and municipal elected officials.

Both committees meet on a quarterly basis during the months of February, May, August, and November/December.

"The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) of the High Country RPO will hold a meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the High Country Council of Governments building located at 468 New Market Blvd., Boone, NC 28607.

The RTAC will meet at 11:00 a.m.. The meeting is open to the public."

Senior Center needs volunteers

The Yancey Senior Center is in need of dedicated volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound. Meals are delivered Monday - Thursday from 10:30 until noon.

You can choose which day or day(s) that you would like to volunteer.

The Senior Center could not offer the Meals on Wheels program without its dedicated volunteers. Without this service, many of the elderly would not receive a hot, nutritious meal every day.

So, if you enjoy meeting new people and helping others, please call 682-6011, ext. 14.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Rebecca Fender of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of February 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 23rd day of November 2016.
Lauren Fender Deyton
191 Bear Wallow Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Michael Leonard Fender
85 Pine Tree Lane
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2016

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Pauline Ledford North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of March 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 30 day of November 2016.
Barbara Robinson
59 Robinson Lane
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2016

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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Emma Lou Holcombe of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of March 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 14th day of December 2016.
Edd Holcombe
428 Horton's Creek Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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Barkin' Basement YHS Resale Store

The Barkin' Basement Resale Store financially supports the Yancey Humane Society. When you shop at the Barkin' Basement you can be assured that a very high percentage of your dollars go to fund YHS, and all the good they do. The store is run and staffed by volunteers, and everything in the store has been donated by the good people of our area.

The Barkin' Basement is located on the bypass between Go Grocery and Fry's. The phone number is 828-208-9510. We accept clean, gently used items in good working order. Call the store if you have large items that need to be picked up, or for more information. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yancey Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you would like to help the lost or abused animals of Yancey County, come volunteer at the Barkin' Basement!