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LES Honor Rolls

Lilesville Elementary School has released their Honor Rolls for the second period.

"A" HONOR ROLL

3rd Grade Joshua Grantham, Camryn Hines, Keavion Pemberton, Rayne Reid, Madalyn Wright

5th Grade Rachel Auman, Quenton Carmartie, Sam Ingram, Noah Ratliff, Garrett Sikes, Steven Taylor, Carson Williams, Hanna Williams

6th Grade Beyonka Berry, Sarah Burr, Erin McIntyre, Kaeley Whitlock

"A/B" HONOR ROLL

3rd Grade Makajzyiha Bennett, Trudy Bennett, Hannah Bolick, Caden Clarke, Caleb Goodwin, Kaylie Goodwin, Jamarion Hamilton, Parker Lee, Peyton Pratt, Nigel Ratliff, MaKayla Williams

4th Grade Cormelia Ingram, Tracy Lucas, Leah McLeod, Alyssa Simon, Ariel Smith-Christian, Trenton Smith, Tyler Streater, Abby Wright

5th Grade Ethan Currie, Elizabeth Fowler, Bryson Jackson, Nakayla Robinson, Kania Sturdivant, Shania Sturdivant, Jaqula Sellers, Dylan Sims, Jesse Usrey, Jessica Williams

6th Grade Jakira Brown, Kalista Burr, Kendall Caulkins, Hannah Goodson, Adaejianna Hamilton, Brianna Little, Shamryia Lowery, Kiary Reyes-Garcia, Dillon Whitlock, Brianna Williams

Actual Treasures from Blackbeard's Ship at Reed Gold Mine

Actual treasures from the shipwreck of Blackbeard the Pirate are traveling the state and Reed Gold Mine will host this incredible exhibit for six weeks. *Blackbeard's Queen's Anne's Revenge: 1718* features real items from the shipwreck of Blackbeard the Pirate.

The Queen Anne's Revenge ran aground near Beaufort in 1718. It is only in the past few years that these artifacts have been raised from the depths of the ocean and are now traveling the state, on loan from the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

Blackbeard's Queen Anne's Revenge displays artifacts that represent weaponry, nautical tools and personal items. Items range from what one would expect on a pirate ship, such as cannonballs, lead shot, gun flint, spikes and grinding stones, while others represent normal life in the 19th century, such as dinner plates, a pipe stem and bowl, thumb screws and cask hoops.

At Reed Gold Mine a ribbon-cutting event will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, officially opening the event. Throughout the day visitors can complete scavenger hunts, visit the coloring/craft area and interact with living historians.

The Queen Anne's Revenge traveling exhibit, however, is about more than Blackbeard and pirates. It's about educating the next generation on colonial life. It has also created a true economic impact in the Crystal Coast region and created partnerships to foster breakthroughs in archaeological research.

The raising of artifacts from the Queen Anne's Revenge draws together some of the leading experts in the field from institutions including East Carolina University, N.C. Marine Fisheries and the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources to collaborate and use the latest techniques in the science of preservation. The project also provides students with hands-on learning experiences in maritime history, archaeology and preservation.

Stories in publications like National Geographic and the Los Angeles Times have helped raise the profile of the region. Plus, the Blackbeard exhibit at the N.C. Maritime Museum at Beaufort has drawn more than 300,000 visitors in the past year alone. With the Queen Anne's Revenge traveling exhibit that same level of education and economic impact can now stretch across the entire state.

Reed Gold Mine preserves the site of the first documented discovery of gold in the United States. Restored mine tunnels are shown to visitors by interpreters who share the story of that first discovery and the work of the miners to retrieve gold from the creek bed and from solid rock. Reed Gold mine further interprets the history of North Carolina's mining heritage through exhibits, special events and off-site presentations. Panning for gold is a popular hands-on activity in warm months. Interpreters and programs also interpret the importance of gold, mining and geology in our culture and as an economic and social force in the region.

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site is part of the N.C. Division of State Historic Sites in the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. It is located at 9621 Reed Mine Road in Midland, NC. The telephone number is 704-721-GOLD (4653).

Letter to the Editor

Praise for Lawrence Gatewood, Michael Freeman and Others

Dear Editor,
Several volunteers and I were out delivering blankets, coats and food to the citizens before and during the winter storm last week. And no, I was not driving! Officer Landric Reid carried me around one night and Jennifer Tarlton and her mother drove the other nights.

There was a blessing in the storm. We finished all the deliveries despite the weather. Everyone was safe and had everything needed to prepare for the storm. God is an awesome God.

To County Manager Lawrence Gatewood, I want to commend our EMS services, Ryan Teal and the Department of Social Services, Lula Jackson, Law Enforcement, Vance Bennett, Jr. and other staff, and the volunteers who were present at Wadesboro Primary School on Thursday night. Officer Reid and I went to the school with blankets prepared to donate, and we were prepared to spend night if needed.

To School Superintendent Michael Freeman, thank you for allowing the use of Wadesboro Primary School. Superintendent Freeman, could you and others contact the schools and inquire as to whether are any students in need of coats. Even though this storm is over, that does not mean all the cold weather is gone. We want to help as many kids as possible. Thank you!

I am truly proud of our county and the great work by everyone during the storm.
Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant

BRLC Heritage Supper Theater is this Friday, February 22

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Kids Cafe students will sponsor an African American Heritage Supper Theatre on Saturday, February 22 beginning at 5 p.m. You are invited to come out and enjoy the supper which will consist of dishes that are a part of African American heritage - both current and historical. After supper there will be a theatrical program put on by the Kids Cafe staff and children as well as by youth from the Burnsville Community.

For information please contact BRLC Director Carol Smith at 704-826-8182. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.



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