

COUNTY CLIPS

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VACCINATE YOUR PETS

Richmond County Health officials continue to remind owners to vaccinate their pets against rabies.

Less than a month ago, two confirmed cases of rabies were reported in the Derby area.

The first case involved a bobcat, which entered upon a resident's porch and killed a beagle. The second incident involved a feral cat, which attacked a woman in the Plainview Community.

Dr. Tommy Jarrell, director of the Richmond

County Health Department, encourages citizens to make sure their dogs and cats are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations.

"Not only is it required by law, but it's extremely important for your animals' health and the health of your family," Jarrell said.

Any mammal may carry rabies, said Mike Norton, environmental health supervisor. But it's extremely important to avoid contact with wild or unfamiliar animals.

If you see an animal acting unusual, call Animal Control immediately, Norton

said.

"Parents also need to watch their children while playing outside, and educate them about avoiding strange or unknown animals," he said.

Pet owners are also advised to supervise their animals so that they do not come in contact with wild animals.

Other prevention tips include keeping lids on garbage cans and not leaving pet food outside overnight.

For more information, call Richmond County Animal Control at 997-8320.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES PLANNED

It's not just about the tinsel or decorations, the candy canes or the sound of carols. For many people, Christmas is a time to celebrate with family and friends.

Richmond County Aging Services tries to make Christmas special each year for citizens 60 and over. The staff works hard preparing for two days of Christmas parties to be attended by approximately 1,600 seniors.

Aging Services depends on volunteers and donations to make the parties a possibility. Director Jacqueline Adkins is still looking for businesses and individuals to set up informational and fun booths at Browder Park during the events to be held on Dec. 9 and 10.

She's also still on the lookout for any type of entertainment, whether it's a soloist or bluegrass band.

Volunteers are still needed to help with everything from stuffing fruit bags to staffing the event.

"Last year's parties were very successful," Adkins said. "We had a number of local agencies give out information on everything from blood pressure to prescription drugs."

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Adkins or Sandra Elliott at 997-4491.

Tickets will be available at all senior centers beginning Monday, Nov. 17.

QUICK STATS

- **6,997:** Number of Home Delivered Meals served by Richmond County Aging Services, from July 1 to Sept. 30. An additional 6,322 meals were served at the Rockingham, East Rockingham and Ellerbe Senior Centers during the same amount of time.
- **2.2 Tons:** Total amount of trash picked up during the month of September in Richmond County. Twenty-one miles of roadways were cleaned up; two illegal dump sites were investigated, and 82 total tires were also removed from roadways.
- **1,443:** Number of calls from citizens requesting a deputy during the month of September.

DON'T FORGET

- **Election Day:** Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4.
- **Veteran's Day:** Please join Richmond County Government in honoring veterans on Tuesday, Nov. 11. All County Government offices will be closed.
- **Thanksgiving:** All Government offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

FOLLOW THE ELECTION RESULTS ONLINE

Residents of Richmond County won't have to wait till Wednesday morning to find out the results of the Nov. 4 General Election.

Unofficial results will be posted on the County's Website, located at http://richmondnc.com/dept_boe.aspx.

Election results will be updated live, as the precincts report to the Board of Elections Office.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. on Nov. 4, and close at 7:30 p.m. If you are unsure of your polling location, please call the Board of Elections Office prior to Election Day, at 997-8253.

A list of all Richmond County Polling Places follows.

- **Rockingham #1:** City of Rockingham Parks & Recreation (Browder Park), 1311 Rockingham Road, Rockingham.
- **Rockingham #2:** Leath Memorial Library (Calvin Little Room), 412 E. Franklin St., Rockingham.
- **Rockingham #3:** Roberdel Children's Center, 124 Roberdel School Road, Rockingham.
- **Wolf Pit #1:** East Rockingham Fire Department, 487 Airport Road, Rockingham.
- **Wolf Pit #2:** Community Church Recreation Building, 193 Mill Road, Rockingham.
- **Wolf Pit #3:** Cordova Rescue Squad, 636 Old Cheraw Hwy., Rockingham.
- **Wolf Pit #4:** Ellerbe Grove Baptist Church, 162 Ellerbe Grove Church Road, Rockingham.
- **Marks Creek #1:** First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 300 Charlotte St., Hamlet.
- **Marks Creek #2:** First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 200 Rice St., Hamlet.
- **Beaver Dam #1:** Richmond Transitional School, formerly known as Hoffman Elementary, 106 Thompson St., Hoffman.
- **Beaver Dam #2:** Mt. Zion United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 986 Ledbetter Road, Rockingham.
- **Mineral Springs #1:** Ellerbe Town Hall, 108 W. Page St., Ellerbe.
- **Mineral Springs #2:** Norman Community Center, 107 East Moore St., Norman.
- **Steeles #1:** Mangum Community Building, 5838 Grassy Island Road, Mt. Gilead.
- **Steeles #2:** Parsons Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 561 Teddar Road, Mt. Gilead.
- **Black Jack #1:** Mt. Pleasant Community Building, 876 Grassy Island Road, Ellerbe.

NEW ADDRESS

THE RICHMOND COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS HAS A NEW WEB ADDRESS:
WWW.RICHMONDROD.NET

RICHMOND COUNTY ROUND-UP

Save time paying bills

Avoid waiting in line to pay your water bill by having it drafted from your checking account each month.

Customers who wish to take advantage of this convenience simply need to provide a voided check to Water Department staff, and sign a form authorizing this services.

Customers may also utilize the drop box located outside the Administrative Building. To use this service, please include the return portion of your bill in an envelope along with a check or money order.

The drop box can be used any time, even during regular office hours.

Taxes are now due

Taxes, which were due on Sept. 1, will become past due on Jan. 6.

Any resident unable to pay their taxes in full by Jan. 6 may make partial payments. The Tax Office will work with individuals who need to make payments throughout the year; however, a payment agreement must be reached prior to Jan. 6.

For more information, call the Tax Office at 997-8270.

Pay by
Credit Card

Tax Payments by
Credit Cards &
Electronic Check

Pay your County taxes online at

www.officialpayments.com.

Pay by electronic check online at

www.officialpayments.com/echeck, or Pay by Phone at

1-800-272-9829



Anominal convenience fee is charged by Official Payments for this service. The fee is not charged by or paid to Richmond County Government. The convenience fee is assessed to cover operating costs and the costs associated with serving thousands of card transactions. For more information, call the Tax Office at 997-8270.