



THE HOOK:

What's Trending in Boaz

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Boaz Harvest Festival Car Show Plans

With the Boaz 50th Annual Harvest Festival just around the corner, the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce has been busy finalized plans for the 50th Annual Harvest Festival Car Show.



This year's show, sponsored by *First Bank of Boaz*, will be held Saturday, October 4th, 2014 at the VF Outlet parking lot on Billy Dyar Boulevard, adjacent to historic downtown Boaz.

According to Peggie Haney, Chamber Director, anyone interested in pre-registering for the event may do so at the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce office at 100 Bartlett Ave., Boaz, by September 25. The pre-registration entry fee is \$20.00. The event will also have onsite entry registration on October 4, from 8 am until 10 am. The onsite entry registration fee at the gate is \$25.00. Checks for either entry registration fee need to have checks made payable to the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce. Parts vendors are also welcome with a booth fee of \$25.00. Food will also be available at the car show.

The classes for the 50th Annual Harvest Festival Car Show event are as follows:

- ◆ **Original 1900-1949**
- ◆ **Original 1950-1960**
- ◆ **Original 1961-1972**
- ◆ **Original 1973-1987**
- ◆ **Original 1988-Up**
- ◆ **Modified**
- ◆ **Street Rod**
- ◆ **Truck**
- ◆ **Motorcycle**

Judging will take place at 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 4. Trophies will be awarded to the top 2 in each class, Best of Show and First Bank of Boaz Choice.

The events will also feature 50s music, a Hula Hoop Contest, Fan Belt Toss, 50/50 Drawing, and Door Prizes. Patrons to the Car Show might also visit the Arts and Craft Festival and, of course, do lots of shopping.

For more information on these events contact the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce at 256-593-8154, 100 Bartlett Avenue, Boaz, AL, 35957, or email boazchamber@charter.net.

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September Calendar of Events

September 2nd

◆ **Labor Day**

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◆ BHS Volleyball at Albertville w/ Scottsboro, JV & Varsity

September 5th

◆ BHS Football, Boaz at Butler at 7:00 pm

September 6th

◆ BHS Cross Country, at Etowah County Trials, Gadsden

September 9th

◆ BHS Volleyball at Douglas, JV & Varsity

September 11th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Oneonta with Jacksonville & Arab 4:00 pm

September 12th

◆ BHS Football, Boaz at Fairview at 7:00 pm

September 13th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Lincoln Tournament, JV

◆ BHS Cross Country, at Good Hope Invitational

Sept 16th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Guntersville with Hartsell, JV & Varsity

◆ BHS Cross Country, Boaz

Sept 18th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Geraldine with Brindley Mountain, Varsity, 5:00pm

Sept 19th

◆ **Harvest Festival Pageant applications due to the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce**

◆ BHS Football, Madison County at Boaz, 7:00pm

Sept 20th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Geraldine Tournament, JV

◆ BHS Cross Country, at Fairview Invitational

Sept 22th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Boaz with Etowah, Varsity & JV 4:00pm

Sept 23th

◆ BHS Volleyball, County Tournament, Varsity & JV

Sept 25th

◆ BHS Volleyball, County Tournament, Varsity & JV

Sept 26th

◆ BHS Football, Albertville at Boaz, 7:00pm

Sept 27th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Geraldine Tournament, Varsity

◆ BHS Cross Country, at Oak Mountain Invitational

Sept 29th -October 3

◆ BHS Cross Country, at ISAIAH WEEK, Boaz

Sept 30th

◆ BHS Volleyball, at Boaz with Douglas, Varsity & JV, 4:00pm

Youth basketball registration at the Boaz Recreation Center will be Sept. 9-October 19. The registration fee is \$50 per child and is open for boys and girls kindergarten through age 12. Registration takes place during normal business hours. For more information call the rec center at [256-593-7862](tel:256-593-7862) or email at boazrec@cityofboaz.org



Boaz Civic Clubs and Organizations Information

♦ **Altrusa International Club of Boaz**

meets the third Monday at 5:30 at the Boaz Chamber of Commerce.
256-593-8154

♦ **BHS Band Boosters**

meet the first Monday at 6:00, BHS Band room.

♦ **Boaz Arts & Craft Club**

meets the second Monday at 6 pm am at the Boaz Public Library

♦ **The Boaz City Council**

meets the 2nd and 4th Monday night each month at 6:00 pm at the Boaz Senior Center, 112 Church Street. For additional information phone 256-593-8105 or email: cityhall@cityofboaz.org

♦ **Boaz Civitan Club**

meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 12 pm at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House meeting room

♦ **Boaz Masonic Lodge No. 546**

meets on Tuesday at 7 pm

♦ **Boaz Rotary Club**

meets on Wednesday at the Snead State Community College Cafeteria

♦ **Community of Boaz Civitan Club**

meets the first and third Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Grumpy's Restaurant, Boaz

♦ **Friends of the Boaz Public Library**

meets the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the Boaz Public Library

♦ **Marshall County Craft Club**

meets the 4th Monday of the month At 6:00 PM at Alabama Craft Show in Piper Station Shopping Center off Billy Dyar Blvd. For more information call 256-996-4945.

♦ **Northeast Alabama**

Genealogical Society, Boaz Chapter

meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Boaz Public Library

♦ **Sand Mountain Twilight Dulcimer Society**

meets the second Tuesday at 10 am-12 pm at BranchWater Village

♦ **VFW-Veterans of Foreign Wars**

meet at the VFW Fairgrounds the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, HWY 431, Boaz



Congratulations to Mr. Jacob Elrod, a senior at Boaz High School, who applied for and received a \$500 grant from the National Rural Electric Cooperative. The funds for his grant will go toward the service project, Blessings in a Backpack, which addresses childhood hunger. One such grant is awarded in each of 42 states.

"Congratulations, Jacob, for being Alabama's winner."

Boaz Elementary School



It is great to be a tiny pirate!! The 2014-15 school year is off to a great start. Our new Breakfast in the Classroom program is a huge success. Students are offered breakfast, at no cost, each morning in their classrooms. Breakfast is served at 7:25. Students need to be in the classroom by 7:40 to be served breakfast. We encourage all students to participate. A menu is available so that families can plan accordingly.

Upcoming Events at BES:

- ◆ Sept. 1st – School closed for Labor Day
 - ◆ September 2 – 5 Book Fair
 - ◆ September 5 – Grandparent's Tea
- Students will bring home a schedule of times for grandparents from each class.
- ◆ Sept. 5th – Buster the School Bus during PE
 - ◆ Sept. 16th – Fall school pictures will be taken
 - ◆ Sept. 18th – BES Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A
 - ◆ Sept. 23rd – Fall Make-up Pictures
 - ◆ Little Debbie fundraiser – Details coming soon.

Corley Elementary School



Corley Elementary School is off to a great START! The 2014-15 School year is now in full swing. We had a tremendous turnout for our Meet the Teacher night on Aug. 12. It is our

belief that the information our parents received on that night was the main reason that we had an AWESOME 1st day of school on Aug. 14. The efforts of our Teachers, Parents, and Students made the beginning of school a pleasant experience. We are thankful to all who contributed to the successful beginning, but we want to recognize Minella Beck, Kathy Morton, and Karen Greer for their willingness to insure that we had a successful start to the school year.



The upcoming dates for Corley Elementary School:

- ◆ Sept. 8-12 – Book Fair
- ◆ Sept. 9 – 2nd Grade Buddy Breakfast
- ◆ Sept. 10 – 3rd Grade Buddy Breakfast
- ◆ Sept. 11 – Fall Pictures
- ◆ Sept. 19 – Teach Like a Pirate Day

Boaz Intermediate School

Boaz Intermediate School would like to welcome all of our 4th and 5th grade students back for the 2014-2015 school year. This school year is setting up to be a very exciting year with lots of fantastic learning opportunities for our students. We want to invite all parents and community members to take part in any programs or events that take place at BIS over the course of this school year. Your involvement and participation will play a vital role in the academic success of our students. If you are interested in joining Boaz Intermediate School's PTO, please contact the school's main office at (256) 593-9211 or PTO President, Ricky Smith. Please check the school's website, Facebook, and Twitter links for important information regarding school events. The faculty and staff of Boaz Intermediate School look forward to serving the students of this great community during this upcoming school year. Thank you for all of your support.

Boaz Middle School

Boaz Middle School has sailed through a smooth opening of the new school year. Many new things will better prepare our students for high school. We have block our 6th grade math classes, giving students double time in math. Mrs. Michelle Ballentine and Mrs. Lisa Willoughby are our math teachers for 6th grade. The class is called collaborative learning, and Mrs. Marti Kerr teaches this class. Our 6th graders are already enjoying this class.

Another new opportunity for our 8th grade students is happening within our epiculture elective. Mr. Joe Milner teaches our 8th grade science classes in a very hands-on approach and he also teaches his epiculture elective that same way. He will also be adding a semester of robotics. Seventeen fortunate students will participate in building a robot, compiling an engineering notebook, and marketing the product to a panel of judges during the robotics' competition at Northeast State Community College.

Students will become competent and confident in abstract thinking, self-directed learning, teamwork, project management, decision-making, problem-solving and leadership skills. BMS is so very proud to be able to offer this experience. The picture shows Mr. Milner and his students with their first project. Keep reading *The Hook* for updates on the progress of our BMS robot.



Boaz High School



As summer comes to an end, football season is in full swing. The players and coaches have worked extremely hard this summer as workouts were conducted four days a week during June and July. The “Hammer” marked the end of workouts for the team. This consisted of a three-day fitness test that tested the physical and mental toughness of every athlete. The players have to complete this to be awarded their jersey. They took great pride with this event and pulled together to complete it.

The start of August marks the start of fall practice. The team completed the first week of practice, which included 2-A-Day practices. The team has a huge task of replacing a great senior class that included seven players that started on both sides of the ball. However, we have a senior class this year that includes some of the best and most classy young men that have ever put on a Boaz uniform. We will focus a great deal year on making these young men better people that can serve our community and continue to make it a better place. There are so many life lessons that can be taught through the game of football. The team will complete a yearlong character education program called “Changing Lives.” Our coaches will guide the students through this program as the year progresses.

We renew several rivalries this year with the new football region. These rivalries are what high school football is all about in the state of Alabama. It is great to see communities get behind and support their local teams. Boaz is a great place to work and live. There are so many people that go out of their way to make this the best city. Our leaders and administrators truly want what is best for Boaz. As coaches, we just hope that we can lead these young people and guide them in the right direction.

We will continue to have our FCA- Fellowship of Christian Athletes nights on Thursdays during the season. This is an exciting time that our student-athletes love. It is a great site to see as our athletes lead and guide our elementary age students. We play a series of flag football games over a six-week span. During this time our young ladies also work to teach the younger girls cheers. This is followed by a devotion that is 100% student lead. They take great pride in what they do with our younger students. If you have never seen this, it is worth coming out on a Thursday night to see our students lead hundreds of others that look up to them.

We look forward to a great school year and wish everyone the best of luck.

Boaz football will have a few different looks this year and we have made a few changes. We will be wearing a gray helmet year with old English “B” logo on the side. We have also changed our facemask to cardinal. We will also have several other things that will look a little different this year. We look forward to seeing everyone at the games and having you support our athletic teams at Boaz High School. It is an exciting time at Boaz and we appreciate all that you do to help make Boaz a great place to live.

Eric Whaley Head Football Coach



A Message from Superintendent Dr. Mark Isley

Dear Boaz Family,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a peaceful, relaxing, and enjoyable summer with your family and friends. As superintendent, I am excited about the future of our school system and I am encouraged by reading your responses from your participation in the Serve First alternative to FLEX DAY this summer. To be a successful school system, you must be willing to serve others but you also must have a **vision** and **plan** to accomplish that vision. The vision for the Boaz City School System is an expectation of excellence everyday by everyone. So, we are in the process of developing our school system’s five-year strategic plan and the five-year capital plan to ensure that we have a **plan** to reach our **vision** for students, employees, and our community.

In late July (28th and 29th), selected teachers, administrators, support staff, community leaders, business owners, retired teachers, students, and citizens of Boaz **started** an important process of writing our school system’s **five-year strategic plan**. Our new strategic plan will serve as a blueprint that will chart our course over the next five years. AdvanceED and Alabama 2020 will provide the framework for system-wide accountability to ensure that all students are both college and career ready by graduation. We will focus on the following five GOALS at every school over the next five years:

1. The school maintains and communicates a purpose and direction that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.
- 2.) The school operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and school effectiveness.
- 3.) The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning.
- 4.) The school has resources and provides services that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.
- 5.) The school implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and school effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.

It is our responsibility to design and implement project-based learning opportunities for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and foster positive relationships to provide our students an optimal opportunity to be prepared for college and career after high school. The five-year strategic plan will provide our school system a sense of direction as to where are we headed, what resources are we going to need, what is the best route to take, and how do we know when we have arrived. How about the five-year capital plan?

In the Fall of 2014 (October), we will be drafting our **five-year capital plan** by evaluating those areas within the school system that need immediate attention, those areas that need attention within the next year or two, and those areas that need attention within the next five years. We have made great strides this summer with the completion of the Boaz High School lunchroom, Boaz Middle School field-house, and a new multi-media screen/projector/new lunchroom tables project at Corley Elementary. And, due to a weather incident this summer at Boaz Middle School, we have a new roof, freshly painted walls, new bleachers ordered, and a new gym floor (completion estimated to be around October 1st). So, I am requesting your prayers and support by joining each other in **"unity"** from Boaz Elementary to Corley Elementary, from Corley Elementary to Boaz Intermediate, from Boaz Intermediate to Boaz Middle, from Boaz Middle to Boaz High and from Boaz High to across "the bridge" of life at L.F. Corley Stadium on graduation night to ensure that **our students** are both college and career ready. WE ARE BOAZ!!!!!!

Mark Isley, Superintendent, Boaz City Schools

Blessings in a Backpack

Hunger Doesn't Take Weekends Off

Students at Boaz High School are volunteering to participate in a very worthy cause, Blessings in a Backpack. In order to meet their goals they are asking for community donations. Below is information about the cause and also information about donating.

What Do We Do? *Blessings in a Backpack* provides elementary school children who are on the federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program with a backpack of food to take home for 38 weekends during the school year. Backpack food includes easy-to-prepare, ready-to-eat foods, like granola bars, juice boxes, mac and cheese, and oatmeal.

Why Do We Do It? There are 20+ million children in this country who are at risk of hunger. The consequences of hunger are much more than a growling stomach. Poor nutrition can result in a weaker immune system, increased hospitalization, lower IQ, shorter attention spans, and lower academic achievement. Children are fed during the school week by federal government programs, but we want to make sure they're getting nutritional meals over the weekend, too.

How Much Does it Cost? \$80 - \$100 feeds one child on the weekends for one 38-week school year through the *Blessings in a Backpack* program. 50 kids at \$80 is \$4,000 to get started. 100% of money raised to fund a school goes to feeding that school.

Donating Funds Starting at as little as \$80 a year, you can provide a backpack to one child each weekend for an entire 38 week school year! All money donated is tax deductible since we are a 501(c)3 organization. Each donation will receive a tax-deductible letter in the mail within 4 - 6 weeks.

Please send all check donations directly to our address:

Blessings in a Backpack Bank Lockbox

P.O. BOX 950291

Louisville, KY 40295 800-872-4366

Please make checks payable to Blessings in a Backpack. If you are donating to a specific program (Boaz City Schools) please include that on the memo line. For more information contact tlittleton@boazk12.org or 256 593-2401.



Snead State Opens New Academic Success Center



The Open House at Snead State Community College on Wednesday, Aug. 20, went just as most open houses do. Employees and students toured the new Academic Success Center and reviewed material available describing the services offered by the ASC. But what set this Open

House apart from others just like it are the vision and planning that went into the development of the Academic Success Center. "This is a culmination of a dream our College Strategic Planning envisioned several years ago. We wanted to take the success of our TRiO program, which serves a smaller number of students, and develop something that would serve all of our students. At the time, we called our idea 'TRiO on Steroids.' Through a lot of discussion, planning and review, our idea is now called the 'Academic Success Center,'" said Snead State President Dr. Robert Exley.

The role of the ASC is to provide tutoring support for students with one goal in mind – **student success**. The plan for the ASC may have begun as part of a strategic planning meeting at the College, but it has become the focus of the College's Quality Enhancement Plan required through for reaccreditation with SACSCOC.

The ASC houses:

- ◆ A learning resource lab that includes a computer lab
- ◆ Access to online tutoring
- ◆ Course syllabi and review materials for select courses
- ◆ Small and large group tutoring sessions led by peer tutors
- ◆ One-on-one tutoring will also be available for select courses
- ◆ The ASC will host workshops for students addressing topics such as study skills, college navigation skills, classroom etiquette, resume building, interview preparation and more

"The ASC provides support services that are designed to improve academic performance," said Quality Enhancement Plan Coordinator Dr. Dustin Smith. "We don't want students to drop classes or drop out of college because they are struggling with the coursework. We want to help them be successful, so they stay on track to graduating from Snead and move forward with their educational and career paths."



Snead State Community College students look on as Vice President for Student Services Jason Cannon, President Dr. Robert Exley, and QEP Coordinator Dr. Dustin Smith complete the planting of the symbolic "tree of knowledge" to signify the opening of the College's new Academic Success Center.

Additional Harvest Festival Pageant Information

The Hook would like to clarify the information presented in the August edition concerning the Harvest Festival Pageant. The Snead State scholarship is a 1 Year Tuition Scholarship renewable for the second year provided the required GPA is maintained. We hope this clears up any misunderstandings. Applications for the 50th Annual Harvest Festival are available at the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 Bartlett Ave., Boaz, or can be found on page 8 of this edition of *The Hook*. Applications are due to the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce by September 19, 2014.



BOAZ AREA
Chamber of Commerce



2014 Harvest Festival Pageant Application
9 AM Saturday October 4th Downtown Boaz

APPLICATION

Division: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parents: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School/Daycare: _____ Grade: _____

Hobbies: _____

Ambition: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Favorite TV Show: _____

Favorite Foods: _____

Sponsored By: _____

Parents' Signature: _____ Date: _____

If selected as 2014 Miss Harvest Festival, I agree to attend all required events as specified by the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce, including but not limited to the Boaz Christmas Parade December 5th 2014 and THE Boaz Harvest Festival October 3rd 2015.

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please circle desired T-shirt size:

- Youth Sizes: XS S M L XL
 Adult Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL