

## Community News

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Blood drive planned at Ayden-Grifton today

Ayden-Grifton High School, 7653 N.C. 11 South, Ayden, will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

ESCU alumni chapter to meet on Tuesday

The Eva J. Lewis Alumni chapter of Elizabeth City State University will meet from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at Sheppard Memorial Library. The annual scholarship Valentine's Gala will be discussed. For more information, call Mary Cates at 758-5039.

**Beau's Buddies** toy drive to help ill children

**Beau's Buddies** Cancer Fund is holding a drive to collect toys for children in the hospital. The toys will be driven in the Greenville Christmas Parade on Dec. 5 and then taken to the hospital. Toys may be dropped off by Dec. 3 at Rob's Hydraulics, 7765 Pitt St., Grimesland, or David Vaughn Construction, 1025 Director Court. For more information, call 714-5611 or 321-7290.

HBCU coalition to hold college fair

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Coalition of Pitt County will hold its annual HBCU College Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church Family Life Center, 1095 Allen Road. For more information, call 355-1003 or 756-3591.

Choral society plans holiday concerts

The Greenville Choral Society will hold two concerts Dec. 12. The Concert Choir will perform at 7 p.m. at The Memorial Baptist Church, 1510 S.E. Greenville Blvd. The program will include Handel's "Messiah" and "Hallelujah" chorus. Soloists Rebecca Worthington, soprano; Nicole House, alto; Tim Messina, tenor, and Harris Ipock, bass will perform. They will be accompanied by the New Carolina Sinfonia.

The choral society's Chamber Chorale will open the evening program with seasonal selections by Rutter, Helvey and others.

The society's three children's and youth ensembles will perform seasonal music from around the world at 3 p.m. "Winter Wind" and "What Child Is This?" will be sung by the Children's Chorus; three German carols will be sung by Bella Voce Singers, and "A La Nanita Nana" and Purcell's "Come Ye Sons of Art" will be sung by the Youth Chorale.

Both programs are free through a grant from the Mildred Sheffield Wells Charitable Trust.

Donations of new or gently used stuffed animals will be collected at both programs as contributions to the "TEDi Bear" Children's Advocacy Group. For more information, call 353-5495 or visit [www.greenvillechoralsociety.com](http://www.greenvillechoralsociety.com).

Seniors club plans Christmas banquet

The Winterville Senior Citizens Club will hold its 17th semi-annual anniversary Christmas banquet at 1 p.m. Dec. 19 at Christinne's in the Hilton Greenville. Minnie Anderson, a talk show host at WOOW Radio, will speak. The cost is \$23. Call 355-2572 for more information and to make reservations.

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