This year’s rodeo will feature the World Champion Bare Back, "War Horse."

The 24th Annual “Stampede in the Park” rodeo will be held on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th at the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center in Williamston. This event is a fundraiser for the Martin Community College (MCC) Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises money for scholarships.

This is a Full-Event Rodeo, with contestants competing for prize money and National Points in the International Professional Rodeo Association. Rodeo events include: Bareback Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Cowgirl Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, Team Roping and Bull Riding.

This year’s show will also feature Fast N Furious the world title winner for "Bucking Bull of the Year" for the second consecutive year and Desperado, a World Champion Saddle Bronc.

The doors for Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center will open at 6:00 PM both nights and the ticket prices are $12.00 for Adults and $6.00 for children 11 years old and younger.

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Whitney Watson returns to MCC Early Childhood Class to discuss nutrition

Whitney Watson, (pictured left) a NC Cooperative Extension Services Area Family & Consumer Sciences Agent for Bertie and Martin Counties, returned to Elaine Spellman’s (right) Early Childhood Education class on October 27 to provide a lecture called “Choose My Plate,” a program that encourages healthy eating through food models, with an emphasis on correct portion sizes.

Watson is partnering with MCC to promote nutrition and food safety as they relate to Elaine’s class objectives. She will do a third presentation “Color Me Healthy,” a curriculum used to teach preschoolers the importance of moving and eating healthy, on November 12.

Pictured above is one of the many stunt riders from last year’s rodeo. Volunteers are still needed to assist with this event. If you can help collect or sell tickets at the door, please contact MCC’s Foundation Director, Robert Bonner at rbonner@martincc.edu or via phone at extension 295. (picture by Annette Murray)

Rodeo continued…

The seating for this event is assigned, so ticket holders for either Friday or Saturday are assured of seating.

Outside vendors selling tee-shirts and crafts, as well as a mechanical bull ride will also be on site. The Bob Martin Center’s food court will be open for all customers attending the rodeo.

Tickets are available for purchase at Aaron’s Rental in Williamston, Washington, and Ahoskie. The chamber of commerce offices in Martin, Bertie, and Washington counties will also have advance tickets for purchase. In Greenville tickets can be purchased at Mario’s Boots. Tickets are also available in the MCC Book Store located in Building 1 on campus.

VIP seating and concessions are available to event sponsors. Please contact the MCC Foundation Director, Robert A. Bonner at 252-789-0295 or rbonner@martincc.edu for more information.
Pictured above is Erica Hoyt, Associate Director of Admissions at ECU. She was on the MCC campus on October 28 to cover the transfer admissions process, transfer scholarships, and transferring credit to ECU from MCC. Transferring college credits from a community college to a university is a great way to save money.

**College Transfer Workshops at MCC**

Martin Community College (MCC) is hosting a series of free workshops to help current, former and potential students demystify the process of transferring community college credits to universities. This important information can help those seeking four year degrees, save thousands of dollars on tuition.

**The next session will be held on Tuesday, November 3, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, in the lobby of Building 1 on the MCC campus.** This event will be more of a College Transfer Fair, with more one-on-one attention. It will feature representatives from a number of North Carolina’s four year colleges and universities. They will be available to answer questions and provide transfer information. Colleges currently registered to attend this session include: Barton College, Campbell University, Chowan University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Mt. Olive University, North Carolina A & T University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Wesleyan College, and UNC Wilmington.

**The last Transfer Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, from 12 to 12:50 in the MCC Auditorium.** It will focus on Elizabeth City State University (ECSU). LuAnne Riddick, Deputy Director of Admissions at ECSU, will be on hand to discuss the transfer admissions process, transfer of scholarships, and transferring credit to ECSU from MCC.

For more information contact John M. Wells, MCC Counselor, 252-789-0293, jwells@martincc.edu.

Check out MCC’s new billboard for cosmetology! It will go up on Highway 64 in November. A new billboard for Refrigeration will go up on Highway 125 and a new board for the Automotive program will go up on Highway 64 near the Jamesville turnoff.
And the winner is...

Pictured above from left to right are MCC Library Director Mary Anne Caudle, newest member of the Library staff - Ossea, and MCC PTA Student Jennifer Sylvester - winner of the skeleton naming contest in October. Caudle is presenting the prize for winning the contest, a $25 gift certificate from the Campus Café.

Jennifer Sylvester, a second year Physical Therapist Assistant student at MCC, won the Library’s skeleton naming contest. She entered the name Osseus, which means "bony" or "composed of bone" in Latin. However, the skeleton is female, so the entry was modified to its feminine form, Ossea. Jennifer won a $25 gift certificate to the campus café for her winning entry.

Sylvester lives in Hamilton and is looking forward to graduating in May. She chose the PTA program over nursing because she felt her positive and encouraging personality would be a good fit. She chose MCC because, in her words, “the staff and faculty want you to succeed. They celebrate your success with you.”

The name she submitted was inspired by a trip to Switzerland last summer, while she was looking up German and French words to correlate to her own language. The French word for bone is osseuse. In German, it’s knochen.

Caudle states, “Kudos to Jennifer for coming up with such a scholarly choice and to the PTA staff for teaching Latin!”

Dewitt Hardison is new BCI Carpentry Instructor

The Division of Continuing Education at Martin Community College (MCC) has hired Dewitt Hardison to teach carpentry at the Bertie Correctional Institution (BCI) in Windsor. Hardison, a resident of Belhaven, NC, brings a wealth of managerial and practical experience with him. He has a broad background in planning, coordinating and implementing both human and material resources with cost-effective results.

His career has spanned both local government and private industry, with an emphasis on managing infrastructure. Before retiring, Hardison was the Public Works Director for the town of Ayden, and prior to that, the Public Works Director for the town of Belhaven. As a Public Works Director, he oversaw municipal street, water, sewer, and electrical systems. In regard to carpentry, Hardison’s primary training was in building his own house.

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MCC Recognized by ACCBO for Commitment to HUB Program

Jennifer Cherry, MCC’s Purchasing and Equipment Coordinator, recently attended the ACCBO (Association of Community College Business Officials) conference in Wilmington and returned to announce, “While attending the session conducted by the state’s HUB (Historically Underutilized Businesses) Office, they passed out the 2014/2015 HUB Participation report and announced that Guilford Tech and Martin Community College were the two NC Community Colleges with the highest percentage of participation! They went on to say we were doing a fantastic job! I was so proud! Guilford beat us by a mere smidgen!”

MCC committed 20.65% of its purchases to HUBs while GTTC came in at 20.85%. The mission of HUB is to promote economic opportunities for historically underutilized businesses in state government contracting and procurement that will foster their growth and profitability.

Hardison continued…

Upon returning from his Army service in Korea, Hardison used the GI Bill to attend college. Hardison is an MCC alumna, earning his AAS Degree in Industrial Maintenance Technology, a program from which Hardison was recognized as the top graduate. He also attended East Carolina University where he completed extensive course work in electrical theory and application as well as industrial, material, and maintenance management.

He began his career as a lineman for North Carolina Power and Light (now Duke Energy). Hardison moved on to Virginia Power where he worked his way through several supervisory positions; Assistant Operating Supervisor, Director of Safety, Director of Construction and Director of Customer Projects. Upon leaving Virginia Power, Hardison moved back to North Carolina where he held the position of Belhaven’s Public Works Director for six years and then accepted a position as the town of Ayden’s Director of Public Works and Utilities. A position he held until his retirement in 2006.

Hardison is excited about teaching at BCI. While working for municipal government he had the opportunity to supervise a number of individuals in the Department of Corrections’ Work Release program and is familiar with the many obstacles they often face. “I see this as a great opportunity,” states Hardison.

AJ Tyson, Jr., MCC’s Interim Executive Director of Continuing Education states, “We are so pleased to have Mr. Hardison joining our staff of instructors. His experience, credentials and enthusiasm for this new program should impact its effectiveness. And, I am especially pleased to be starting this course of study at BCI. The more educational opportunities MCC can provide to the BCI population, the more we can help the NC Department of Corrections reduce its rate of recidivism. Our ultimate goal is to offer individuals the opportunity to learn skills that may lead to employment.”

MCC also offers a number of Basic Skills classes at BCI. During the 2014-15 academic year, MCC awarded eighty-eight GED (General Education Development) High School equivalency diplomas, nine Commercial Cleaning, twenty-four Computer Application, and seventeen HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) certificates.
Orders for MCC emblazoned shirts now being taken

Some MCC employees have expressed interest in purchasing shirts embroidered with the words Martin Community College on them. HTM can provide these shirts. A small committee narrowed down the hundreds of choices to the four styles pictured here. At the top right is the men’s Sport Tek shirt and below that is the women’s cut Sport Tek. In the middle of the bottom row is a man’s cotton shirt which is also available in a woman’s cut, as well as a stain resistant fabric. In the far left corner is a women’s cut Izod shirt. It too, comes in a man’s cut. The Izod shirts are $33. The cotton shirts are $26 and the Sport Tek’s are $27. These prices include the embroidery and tax. Sample shirts are available for you to look at in Judy’s office, room 15B, in Building 1. Please order and pay for your shirt in the MCC Book Store.

MCC PTA Students become engaged!

According to Dawn Parker, MCC’s Clinical Coordinator for the Physical Therapist Assistant program, “Each new class of students produces a ‘couple’.” This year was no different when Brooks Mansfield proposed to Brooke Fisher in Asheville. Mansfield chose to propose at the same hotel where he and his bride-to-be attended a PTA conference last year. According to the groom-to-be, it’s where he first realized he was smitten. Their wedding is set for October 15, 2016. Congratulations to Brooks and Brooke!
MCC Networking Students hook up with MCC’s IT Department

The MCC students pictured above are taking Networking Basics (NET125) this semester. According to their instructor, Vickie Murphy, “In one of the chapters in this course we talked about having the right cables and server to create a network in a business or home. As an assignment, I had the students prepare and connect cables and then test them with a meter to be sure that they worked. When I realized that our IT (Information Technology) Department was running wires and installing equipment for Wi-Fi access, I saw an opportunity to show the students first-hand what I was talking about. I wanted them to see how the cables on the server end have to be cut and matched exactly to the color code on the switch. The IT Department very graciously allowed us to tag along with them one morning and watch how they did it.”

Pictured from left to right are Lashon Watford (a Work Based Learning - WBL - student in the Computer Information Technology program and working part time for the IT Department), Brion Clark, Caleb Nestor, Quanisha Perry and the instructor Vickie Murphy. The feet on the ladder belong to MCC’s IT Director, Jeff Pickering. Watford was also part of the team installing the network. This sort of experience demonstrates the value of a small school, where students can take advantage of a one-on-one setting and create relationships with the staff and faculty of the school.

BLET
Basic Law Enforcement Training

Classes start at MCC January 6, 2016

BLET is a 16 weeks course mandated by the state for all certified law enforcement officers. It covers 620 hours of study including: Physical Fitness, Firearms, Law Enforcement Driving Training, Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure, Motor Vehicle Law, Techniques of Traffic Enforcement, Patrol Techniques, Sheriff’s Responsibilities, Rapid Deployment, etc.

Those interested in applying for the BLET program at MCC must complete a packet of information and forms no later than December 28, 2015. Packets may be obtained in person or by mail from Wayland Mitchell. To obtain a packet or for more information about the BLET program at MCC, contact Mitchell at
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24th Annual STAMPEDE in the PARK

Rodeo

MCC Foundation Annual Fundraiser
November 13 & 14, 2015
Sen. Bob Martin Ag Center

Call 252-789-0242 or email dhardison@martincc.edu
Tickets: $12 for adult & $6 for kids 11 and under
Automotive shop transformation is well under way!

It may be possible that no one will recognize MCC’s automotive shop once all of the renovations and improvements are done - unless maybe instructors Al Dawes or Bob Swisher happen to be standing in there. Dawes and Swisher are about the only two things in the shop that aren’t being remodeled! The drop ceilings have been removed and the exposed metal has been painted. The cement floor has been replaced with virtually indestructible Clinker tile. The Snap-On Build a Bay units arrived in October and are being prepped for installation in November. A new scissor lift and tire changing equipment have been installed, and several rolling chests of Snap-On tools have arrived. Once all of the improvements are made, the department will host an open house for the entire community. According to Dawes, “These improvements will certainly set MCC’s automotive shop apart from the rest.”

Pictured above is MCC’s lead automotive instructor, Al Dawes, looking at some of the new “Build a Bay” components that arrived in late October. Pictured right is one of the “Build a Bay” cabinets removed from its packaging and being moved to the area where it will be installed. The flooring in both pictures is the new Clinker tile and the in the top picture, the ceiling improvements can be seen.
The following information is part of MCC’s compliance with the Clery Act and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

**Dating violence may be...**

### Physical
- Hitting or slapping
- Biting
- Shoving
- Pinching
- Spanking
- Shaking or jerking
- Burning
- Restraining
- Chasing
- Forcing sex or sexual acts
- Touching in uncomfortable ways
- Pulling hair
- Stalking
- Driving recklessly
- Punching walls

### Emotional
- Using personal information against partner
- Blaming partner
- Not accepting responsibility for one’s own actions
- Playing mind games
- Using the ‘Guilt Trip’
- Demanding
- Constant interrogations
- Mocking body parts
- Controlling partner’s activities
- Intense jealousy or rages
- Criticizing partner’s looks
- Isolating from family or friends
- Checking up on partner
- Insulting partner’s family / friends
- Taking personal items

### Verbal
- Threatening to kill
- Threatening to violence
- Calling over and over
- Constant accusations of cheating
- Yelling
- Insulting
- Calling names
- Being sarcastic
- Making demeaning jokes
- Excessive swearing
- Mimicking
- Making degrading or negative comments
- Leaving vulgar messages
- Silent treatment
- Twisting partner’s words
- Lying

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**Need Help?**

Center for Family Violence Prevention
24 Hour Crisis Line
(252)752-3811

TOLL FREE (800)537-2238
150 E. Arlington Blvd. Suite D, Greenville, NC 27858
(252)758-4400
MCC CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN!
These people look hauntingly familiar!

The North Carolina cadre of Community Colleges participating in the Completion by Design project, funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, met on October 19 and 20 at Deadwood in Bear Grass. Nearly 40 attendees sat in on three presentations on leadership, especially as it relates to implementing change. The other four colleges in the cadre include: Guilford Tech, Wake Tech, Davidson CC, and Central Piedmont CC.

Wesley Beddard from the NCCS office in Raleigh also gave a legislative update to the group.

Martin Memos

Nov. 3 - College Transfer Fair in the Lobby of Building 1 from 11:30 am to 1 pm
Nov. 12 - Regional Agriculture Expo from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Bob Martin Center
Nov. 13 & 14 - MCC Foundation Rodeo at the Sen. Bob Martin Ag Center
Nov. 16 - Registration Mondays begin for Spring 2016 Semester
Nov. 17 - ECSU College Transfer workshop in the MCC Auditorium fro 12 to 12:450 pm
Nov. 23 - Deadline for submitting news for the Martin Messenger
Nov. 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 27 - Early Childhood Guest Speaker Whitney Watson (10 am)
Dec. 10 - Faculty Work Day

MCC is an equal opportunity employment institution.