

Blue Ridge Community College

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Vision Henderson County is a comprehensive leadership development program initiated by Blue Ridge Community College and co-sponsored by Henderson County Chamber of Commerce. The mission of VISION HENDERSON COUNTY is to promote informed and committed civic volunteerism. Accordingly, its programs are designed to help participants acquire both a fuller sense of the wide array of critical issues affecting Henderson County, and the leadership skills necessary to motivate and engage others in collaborative efforts to resolve them. A series of nine day-long programs will provide information about the culture, history and current issues of the Henderson County community. The day-long programs occur once per month and run September 2010 through May 2011. Orientation for the 2010-2011 class will be August 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Presentations by local resource persons and lively discussions with community leaders will provide an enlightening and engaging environment for learning. Topics to be covered include City/County Government; Economic Development; Business and Industry; Law Enforcement/Public Safety; Cultural Resources/Arts; Environment/Natural Resources; and Education. A mandatory two-day retreat August 20-21, 2010 will establish a shared vision for learning how to build relationships of openness, trust, and cooperation as community leaders. Each program will incorporate training in specific leadership skills, which are integral to effective community leadership. Vision Henderson County is limited annually to thirty participants representing the diverse population of the Henderson County community. Consideration of age, gender, race, profession, location and profit/non-profit status will be given to ensure equitable representation. Candidates may be nominated by their employers, community organizations, individuals or they may nominate themselves. Vision Henderson County tuition is \$300, which includes lunch each day. Partial scholarship funding may be available for those requiring financial assistance. Participants will earn Blue Ridge Community College CEUs. Application forms are available online at www.visionhendersoncounty.org. For more information, call Elaine Handville at (828) 694-1779.

Three Community Enrichment classes have been added to the Blue Ridge Community College Fall Semester schedule. Spring Forest Qigong is comprised of gentle movements, breathing, visualization and sound. Easy to learn, simple to remember, it also helps you take control of your own healing, reduce stress, improve flexibility and feel better. This course includes information about Qigong, eight movements and a meditation. Instructor Laura Nelson will teach this course on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Patton Building Room 201 from September 15 to October 20. Registration fee is \$55. Also added is Latin for Beginners I. This course is for persons wanting to begin the study of Latin. Emphasis will be on vocabulary and grammar with elementary translations used to enhance understanding. The textbook Latin Made Simple will be available for purchase in the college bookstore. Instructor Betsy Copolillo will teach this course on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Spearman Building Room 108 from August 23 to October 18. Registration fee is \$60. Last is Campfire Cooking Skills. This course will cover the basic knowledge and skills needed to safely and efficiently prepare meals in a campsite setting. Included will be fire safety, food safety, and cooking methods such as skillet, Dutch oven, and box oven. Student teams will prepare food using at least two of these cooking methods. Instructor Chris Kruse will teach this course on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Picnic Shed on August 24 and 31. Registration fee is \$45. For more information about registration or to request a complete listing of continuing education courses, call (828) 694-1742 or (828) 694-1743.