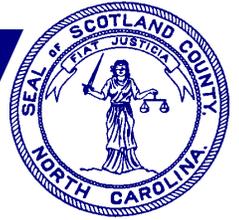


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A newsletter for Scotland County employees

Community must adapt to needs of Baby Boomers according to survey

A Livable and Senior Friendly Communities survey provided insight into how Scotland Place could adapt to a growing Baby Boomer generation.

The survey was conducted over a four-week period by Twilla Allen as part of her capstone project toward earning a Master's in Social Work from UNC-Pembroke.

Those 65 and greater will double in the next 20 years from 1.2 to 2.1 million. By 2030, 71 percent of North Carolina's 100 counties will have more people over 60 than under 17.

Allen's goal was to get 250 responses. Instead, 419 responses were received from participants aged 50 through 80-plus.

The survey asked participants to respond to 20 multiple choice questions about employment status, health services, spending habits, dining preferences, safe environment, volunteerism, internet usage and awareness of available services.

The survey indicated that Boomers do not participate in activities at Scotland Place rather, they consider it more as a center where their parents go.

Boomers who have not yet retired also agreed that Scotland Place hours were not necessarily compatible with working hours.

Allen, who also is Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman with the Lumber River Council of

Governments, listed four suggestions on how Scotland Place might adapt to the needs of Boomers.

Extend hours of operation to accommodate working Boomers.

Partner with formal and informal services outside the traditional senior center — churches and clubs, for instance.

Revamp recreational and leisure activities to attract Boomers. Some activities might focus on biking and walking trails.

Utilize social media to conduct outreach efforts. The survey showed that most recipients do rely on the internet for information.

Nearly 93 percent of respondents said they utilize the services of a primary care physician in Scotland County.

Regular activities include reading for 75 percent of

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Hurricane preparedness begins with EOC meeting

Emergency Management Director Roylin Hammond said there is no room for complacency just because Scotland County hasn't been hit by a hurricane in a while.

"In 2010 nothing happened, and there were no major events on the east coast," Hammond said. "That's a good thing."

In fact, Hammond said, the last time the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated was for Y2K. The last significant event before that was in 1996 when Hurricane Fran resulted in significant damage.

Hammond said, "In the event of a true hurricane, there's no telling what could happen."

Making reference to the tropical storms that passed through the County in June and July, Hammond said many oak trees were downed and there was a loss of power in some areas.

"Clearing roads is important in a major event," he said. "It's important to get things back up and running — anything that would help Emergency Management get back on the roads."

He added, "It takes a lot of people and a lot of coordination to get things back to normal."

The EOC is made up of representatives from the County, City of Laurinburg, EMS, fire departments, law enforcement, Scotland Memorial Hospital, the schools, Hospice, nursing homes, utility companies, DOT, the Red Cross and numerous area service agencies and non-profits.

The role of the EOC is to prepare for, respond to and recover from a natural disaster or emergency event.

North Carolina Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Powers said, "We must take lessons from what we learn now to make the next disaster less harmful."

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Nichols named Finance Officer

Charles Nichols was named Scotland County Finance Officer effective July 16.

Nichols assumes the responsibilities from County Manager Kevin Patterson, who served as Finance Officer since 2004.

In making the appointment, Chairman Bob Davis said Nichols fulfilled all the educational requirements to become Finance Officer.

Davis said the appointment would give Patterson opportunity to focus on overall County administration, personnel issues and economic development.

Born and raised in Scotland County, Nichols is a 2001 Scotland High School graduate. He earned a B.S. in Accounting in 2005 from NC State University and a Master's in Business Administration in 2009 from UNC-P.

Nichols joined the County as an accountant in March 2008. In 2009 he was named Deputy Finance Officer.



Charles Nichols

Another Chairman photo found



H. F. Monroe

Another photo of a past Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners has been located.

It turns out H.F. Monroe, who served as Chairman from 1933 to 1938, is the great uncle of Martha Norfleet, Soil and Water Conservation.

Framed photographs of all those who served as Chairmen have been on display since 2006 in the former Commissioners Chamber on West Boulevard.

It wasn't until the photo gallery was moved to the 507 West Covington Street conference room in 2010 that Norfleet took notice.

"I was looking at those pictures one day and saw his name, but there was no picture of him," Norfleet said.

Norfleet knew there was a photo portrait of her great uncle located at Camp Monroe in Laurel Hill because Monroe and his wife donated the land to the Fayetteville NC Presbytery.

After consulting with a first cousin from Tennessee who inherited most of the family photographs, Norfleet was able to borrow a photo of her great uncle so it could be reproduced and placed on the wall with the other Chairmen.



The search continues for four former Chairmen whose photos are not yet in the gallery. If you or someone you know might have a photo of the following individuals, please contact Ann Kurtzman at 910-277-3191 or akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org:

F.B. Gibson (1900-1902) // John A. McKay (1902-1906)
William Franklin Wright (1906-1908)
// William G. Buie (1908-1912) and (1920-1924)

the Birthday list for August

1 Willie Hunt (Public Works); **2** Jennie Lowe (DSS); **3** Amanda Taylor (Cooperative Extension); **4** Ed Cushman (Health), Hazel McPhatter (Cooperative Extension) and Daniel Dockery (Planning and Zoning Board); **5** Mike McQueen (EMS); **8** Bobby Horne (Public Works) and Amber Morrison (Jail); **11** James Williams (Jail); **12** Janet Mudd (DSS); **13** Catherine Bailey (Health), Latisha Lowery (DSS) and Cynthia Morton (Health Board); **14** Kevin Strickland (EMS) and Joan Alford (DSS); **15** Dell Parker (Elections) and Robert Williams (Transportation); **18** Nancy McPeck (Jail) and Tina Phillips (Health); **20** Stephanie Palmer and Andrea McLeod (DSS) and James Pruitte (Parks and Recreation); **21** Charles Todd (Health Board); **22** Towana Harrington and Amy Locklear (DSS); **24** Michelle McQuaige (Jail); **25** Stephanie Bennett and James Hunt (EMS); **27** Victor Locklear (Sheriff); **28** Tenita Bullard (IT) and Linda Harper (DSS); **30** Kimberly McRae (DSS); **31** Katherine Caulder (DSS).

Torrential rainfall hits area



Human Resources Manager Susan Butler wades to her car through the flooded parking lot at 507 West Covington Street.

After a brutal month in June when two summer tropical storms damaged trees and personal property and caused power outages, conditions were unrelenting in July.

Winds so powerful that rain fell in sheets sideways roared through the County shortly before 5 p.m. July 6. It flooded roads, downed more trees and was responsible for numerous minor automobile accidents.

At the administrative offices at 507 West Covington Street the parking lot was one of many areas throughout the County that flooded.

SCOTLAND COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Football, Cheerleading and Soccer Registration

August 1-5: Monday-Friday 8am to 5:30pm

August 6: Saturday 10am to 1pm

**Scotland Place on Turnpike Road
(910.277.2585)**

August 2-5: Tuesday-Friday 9am to 7pm

August 6: Saturday 8am to 5pm

**Wagram Recreation Center
(910.369.0686)**

August 1, 3, 5 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) 10am to 2pm

August 2, 4 (Tuesday, Thursday) 4 to 5:30pm

Laurel Hill Community Center

FEE:

\$15 per player for Scotland County Residents

\$40 for out of county

\$5 additional fee for late registrations

(August 8-12)

Ages:

Football and Cheerleading: 7-12 years as of August 1

Soccer: 4-13 years as of August 1

Heat wave health tip: It's important to replace electrolytes. Drink eight to 12 glasses of water per day. Make sure one of those glasses contains Gatorade, or fruit or tomato juice so that you are replacing electrolytes

QualPak announces closure

QualPak, manufacturer of hand sanitizer products, announced it is closing beginning August 12 with the end of September targeted as the final closure.

QualPak will return its local operation to parent company GOJO, its Akron, Ohio, corporate headquarters.

Affected by the closing are 72 full-time employees and 50 temporary positions.

The plant originally intended to shut down operations in 2009 but a H1N1 flu outbreak resulted in increased demand for the hand sanitizing product Purell, which is packaged at the Scotland County facility.

QualPak began operations at the 300,000 square-foot building off Aberdeen Road in March 2004.

It acquired the building originally owned by Abbott Laboratories in October 2003. Abbott closed in June 2002.

Garden readies produce stand

A membership-based produce stand will be constructed at the Wagram Community Garden site.

Construction of the produce stand is possible because the Wagram Community Garden was chosen to receive a \$3,000 spark-plug grant.

The stand will be open every other Thursday starting August 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds from sales will be used to purchase a water well for the garden site.

A membership plan is available for a one-time fee of \$5. If you would like to become a member, please contact Melissa Tomas at 277-2422, or email melissa_tomas@ncsu.edu.

Members will receive a membership packet with dates the stand will be open and what vegetables to look for in the fall.

The Cooperative Extension project provides residents with an opportunity to grow their own vegetables to supplement their grocery bills.

Participants were instructed on how to use a produce scale and how to track the amount of produce harvested from their garden plots with harvest logs.

Harvest logs of pounds harvested, market value and costs associated with planting for a two-month period showed participants saved \$800.

Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 17, 507 West Covington Street. Call 277-2403 to schedule an appointment. Help save a life this summer.

Historical documents provide glimpse into origins of County

Few things would thrill a Register of Deeds more than the discovery of documents of historical significance to the County.

Register of Deeds Debra Holcomb said she was excited to find historical documents in a box in the vault containing old plats.

Holcomb pointed out that all the documents had been microfilmed at some point in time and are stored at the State Archives.



Register of Deeds Debra Holcomb sorts historic documents.

"I just thought that it was exciting to find various original documents from the early 1900s that establish Scotland County."

Holcomb added, "The documents of most interest to me are from the County's original surveyor John McNeill."

There is a letter Holcomb references written by McNeill in 1900 to the Board of Commissioners.

Some of McNeill's original hand-drawn maps of the boundaries of Scotland County are included with the letter.

Other documents of interest are the original Board of Commissioners meeting to form Scotland County in 1900 and various original reports by the third Register of Deeds of Scotland County, C.E. Muse. Those, too, date from the early 1900s.

"It seemed a shame to keep them in a box, and I felt that documents of such importance should be preserved and displayed for the public to see," Holcomb explained.

Holcomb intends to ask the County Commissioners to approve sending the documents to the NC State Archives.

Holcomb said, "I spoke with Tom Vincent with the NC Archives, and he was very excited about the prospect of receiving the documents."

She added, "He told me that they would be stored with other historical documents in a climate-controlled environment, and they would be accessible to the public."

Survey explores County as senior friendly community

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respondents and walking for 68 percent.

More than 95 percent of those who answered the survey purchase their groceries in the County and nearly 66 percent choose a local restaurant when dining out.

95 percent said Scotland County provides opportunities for recreation in a safe environment.

The Aging Advisory Council requested a Livable and Senior Friendly Communities survey be conducted. Allen received guidance from the Community Development Committee as part of the 21st Century Communities Visioning Plan.



Annie Worth weighs produce she harvested from the community garden.



ECA celebrates 100 years of service

The Extension and Community Association (ECA) celebrated its upcoming centennial and thanked its members at a reception July 11.

In preparation for the event, the 100-year history of ECA service was on display as chronicled through newspaper clippings, scrapbooks and awards (pictured above).

Longtime ECA members were recognized for their years of dedication and service to the community.

Each received *Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Service*, a 300-page book that highlights the past of Extension Home Demonstration and the impact of Family and Consumer Sciences today.

A copy of the book, pictured below, also was given to Scotland Memorial Library.

The Extension and Community Association strengthens families through leadership development, volunteer work, educational support and research-based education from NC State University and NC A&T State University.



Hurricane response an EOC priority

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Powers commended Scotland County for holding annual EOC meetings and conducting regular hurricane and natural disaster exercises. "It's important to get your volunteers and organizations in place and bring them to the table."

He added, "Just because something hasn't happened in a long time doesn't mean it's not going to happen."

Powers had some words of advice for EOC participants. "Have a plan in place and build capability. Connect locally. Get to know each other. Build relationships."

"Exercise your plan because it is a continual, ongoing cycle," Powers added.

Powers said family preparedness also is important. Like the EOC, be prepared to be self-sufficient for 72 hours until help can get to you.

2011 Hurricane Outlook

Conditions expected this year have historically produced some active Atlantic hurricane seasons. Therefore, the 2011 season could see activity comparable to a number of active seasons since 1995. We estimate a 70 percent probability for each of the following ranges of activity during 2011:

**12-18 Named Storms,
6-10 Hurricanes
3-6 Major Hurricanes**

The official National Hurricane Center seasonal averages are 11 named storms, 6 hurricanes, and 2 major hurricanes. Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA).

Board of Elections votes to close precinct

The 21 voters in Precinct 8 will vote in Precinct 1 for this year's municipal election. The 21 can cast their ballots at the Scotland County Annex on Cronly Street instead of at the Snead's Grove Community Building.

The three-member Board of Elections unanimously voted to close Precinct 8 for the 2011 municipal elections after considering the expense to keep it open.

Elections Director Dell Parker said staffing the precinct costs approximately \$450. State law requires that each precinct is staffed with a chief judge and two judges.

The Board of Elections will send letter of notification to Precinct 8 voters. Precinct 8 voters also would have opportunity to vote by absentee ballot or through one-stop early voting.

The decision to close Precinct 8 affects odd-numbered years for Laurinburg City elections.

The Board of Elections also voted to change the location of Precinct 7 from Wagram Fire Station to the Wagram Recreation Complex and Precinct 10 from Gibson Gym to Gibson Fire Station.

The Elections Office will notify Precincts 7 and 10 voters of the change in polling location by placing in ad in *The Laurinburg Exchange* 45 days before the election and by mailing a notice to voters at least 30 days before the election.

Local donations help send youth to camp

Many families in Scotland County lack the financial ability to send their children to summer camp. Thanks to donations from Farm Bureau and St. Luke's Methodist Church, Scotland County 4-H was able to secure funds to send five local youth to 4-H camp and provide a partial scholarship for another youth.

Those who attended camp participated in a variety of educational activities, including horseback riding, wall climbing, canoeing, swimming, team building, crafts and more. In total, 17 youth were given the opportunity to attend summer 4-H camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center in June 2011.



Campers Cassidy Long and James Manly