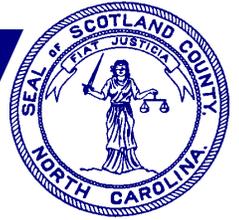


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A newsletter for Scotland County employees

Restoration of school lottery funds a priority for counties

Scotland County Commissioners did what most county commissioners were doing throughout the day May 25 — asking their local delegations to restore lottery monies to schools to sufficiently fund capital projects.

Chairman Bob Davis and Commissioner Carol McCall also asked the local delegation to support the continuation of the one cent temporary sales tax, which is set to expire June 30, 2011.

State legislators in the House and Senate are currently developing and fine-tuning a budget to fill a \$2 billion shortfall. Programs and services in education and health and human services are most affected by State budget cuts.

Davis and McCall asked Representative G.L. Pridgen to support the continuation of the one percent sales tax because it would bring in more than \$1 billion in revenue and mitigate the severity of the State budget cuts.

Pridgen, who promised no tax increases as part of his campaign, said the one percent sales tax must sunset as promised by the Legislature in 2009.

"I am not in favor of keeping it," Pridgen said. "It's a tax increase. It was meant to run out, and when you tell people it will run out, it should."

McCall said she felt continuing the one percent sales tax would be the most painless method in which to minimize the State's financial woes.

McCall said continuation would protect jobs and prevent cuts to health and human services and education.

Davis added that the sales tax is a shared burden and its elimination would shift the burden directly to property owners.

Senator Bill Purcell and Representative Garland Pierce said they support the continuation of the one percent sales tax. Both added it lacks majority support.

While in Raleigh, the Commissioners also expressed concern that the State reduced the amount of lottery funds counties would receive for school construction.

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Library provides online tool to research family ancestors

by Leon Gyles, Library

Think you could be related to a famous person? Want to find out the truth about Uncle Jed, the old family legend from North Carolina?

Explore your family history with powerful tools now available at Scotland County Memorial Library. Become a detective and seek out documents and information needed to trace your family's roots and discover those family secrets for yourself.



Scotland County Memorial Library has a new resource that uses technology to make tracing your family tree easier. Ancestry Library Edition, an online tool distributed exclusively by ProQuest

and powered by Ancestry.com, delivers billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos and more — straight to residents of Scotland County.

Fast and easy to use, Ancestry is an online collection of information and individuals from North America, the UK, Europe, Australia and beyond.

Answers await everyone — whether professional or hobbyist, expert or novice, genealogist or historian — inside Ancestry's more than 7,000 databases.

Here, you can unlock the story of your family's ancestors with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps and more.

Ancestry Library Edition is available at Scotland County Memorial Library exclusively on the Heritage Room's internet workstation.

To get the most out of the experience, Library staff strongly suggests customers come prepared with a list of ancestors to research. Feel free to contact Library staff at 276-0563.

As always, the Library is committed to serving the community and will be happy to assist as you set out on this great detective journey.

By the Numbers ranks County's tax burden

The most recent report from the John Locke Foundation, *By The Numbers*, shows the tax burden per capita by county. Scotland County is ranked 60 for 2009, the last year studied.

This means that 59 other counties have higher taxes per person than Scotland County regardless of the rate.

The combined county and municipal taxes put Scotland County at 64 in the State. This means that when combining municipal and County taxes together, only 36 other counties have lower taxes per person than in Scotland County.

The 2009 combined local burden for Scotland County was \$1,249.74 compared to the North Carolina median of \$1,304.15 in 2009.

Moore was in the upper quartile, or higher burden range at 17, with a 2009 combined local burden of \$1,629.44. Cumberland County fell in the second quartile ranking at 38 with a 2009 combined local burden of \$1,392.17. Richmond precedes Scotland by one place at 59 with a combined local burden of \$1,257.73.

In 79th place, Robeson County has a lower combined local burden at \$1,062.70. There was no data available for Hoke County in the report.

Spring Litter Sweep brings a ton of fun



Laurinburg City Clerk Dee Hammond and EMS Director Roylin Hammond pick up trash and quite a few tires discarded along County roads.

A ton of trash is a good thing when it winds up in the convenience centers where it belongs instead of on the roads.

Spring 2011 Litter Sweep volunteers with support from event sponsors, the Chamber of Commerce Green Committee, brought in 2,213 pounds of trash to the convenience centers for appropriate disposal.

This year, the Green Committee offered cash prizes to the teams that picked up the most trash.

The Southern Pacific Paranormal Team picked up 1,096 pounds of trash, enough to win top place cash prize of \$300.

The \$200 prize winner was the Brumley/Messer Team for collecting 438 pounds of trash.

Six teams picked up vests, gloves and trash bags at the Chamber of Commerce before departing to collect trash on roads and highways of their choice.

Solid Waste Enforcement Officer and Green Committee member J.R. "Bobby" Horne said the teams were dedicated to the clean up and worked from four to six hours April 30, the day designated as Litter Sweep.

Horne said he is grateful to the Green Committee and Litter Sweep volunteers, all of whom demonstrate a serious commitment to cleaning up a community.

"Clean roads show community pride and respect for your neighborhood," Horne said. "I want to thank all the Litter Sweep volunteers for making beautification of their community a priority."

PostScripts

In Health Department news, **Melinda Salley**, Social Work Coordinator, retired in April after more than 20 years of service with the agency. EPI Team

members **Tina Clark**, RN; **Michealle Reece**, PA; **Judy McMillan**, Lab Coordinator; **Debbie Maske**, RN; **Danny Sprouse**, Environmental Specialist; **Selena Locklear**, RN; and EMS Director **Roylin Hammond** attended an EPI Team Preparedness and Response Exercise May 4 in Johnston County. Ten counties participated in the exercise with "anthrax" as the focus threat. The agency welcomed a medical assistant student intern from King's College. The internship runs from May 9 to June 17. SCHD mid-level provider (PA) recently served as a preceptor for a Family Nurse Practitioner student from Duke University Nursing program. 🍀 Congratulations to the following students who were awarded state scholarships from the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs: Joeline Provens, Adrian Blackmon, William Kyle Clark and Frazier Campbell.

Congratulations Class of 2011

High School

Administration: Eugene Flowers IV, nephew of Tiffany Flowers, Richmond Senior High School. Eugene plans to attend a four-year college or university in the fall.

DSS: Tyler Wayne Moore Alford, son of Joan Alford, Scotland High School. Tyler will attend Coastal Carolina University and will major in Marine Biology. **Mary Lauren Tardif**, daughter of Deborah Tardif, with honors from Scotland High School. Mary will attend UNC-Pembroke in the fall. **Ayanna Nicol Morrison**, daughter of Rhonda Cox, Scotland High School. Ayanna plans to attend UNC-Greensboro in the fall to participate in the Pre Physical Therapy Program.

Engineering/Zoning: Jenna Wade Jones, granddaughter of Joy Nolan, Scotland High School.

Health: Carlissa Cook, daughter of Carlotta Rivers, with honors from Marlboro County High School. Carlissa plans to continue on to college in the fall. **Kasey Dawn Phillips**, daughter of Tina M. Phillips, Scotland High School. Kasey will attend Sandhills Community College.

Tax: Shameka Latrice Dudley, granddaughter of Catherine Stubbs, Scotland High

School. Shameka plans to study Psychology/Social Work in the fall.

Michael Joseph Pate, son of Marty Pate, Scotland High School. Michael plans to attend UNC-Pembroke and is interested in Biology and Music.

Our condolences to ...

Jerry Johnson, Elections, on the April 28 death of his brother, Master Chief Carl Johnson, USN retired.

the Birthday list for June

2 Linda Locklear (Tax); **4** Andrea Anderson (DSS); **5** Dorothy Fields (DSS) and Stephanie McDonald (Cooperative Extension); **6** Leroy Davis (Public Buildings); **7** Bryant Higgins (Public Works) and Mary Ann Reynolds (Sheriff); **8** Sherry Lane (Library); **11** Carolyn Allen (DSS); **12** Sharon Davis (DSS); **14** Kevin Rader (Sheriff) and Eva Locklear (DSS); **16** Benjamin Hunt (EMS); **17** Brooke Barrett-Quick (DSS); **18** Crystal McNair and Sheronica Smith (Jail); **21** Linda Holland (Administration) and Garrett Dial (EMS); **22** Greg Icard (Administration); **23** Selena Locklear (Health); **24** Pamela Reed (DSS); **25** Annie Freeman (Cooperative Extension); **27** Evangela McArthur and Lisa Lundy (Health), Jonathan Dunn (Sheriff) and Laura Byrd (EMS); **28** Glenn Tucker and Inga Locklear (EMS) and Sheryl Primus (DSS); **29** Vicki Barnes (DSS); **30** Randy Wood (Cooperative Extension).

College/University.

DSS: Heather N. Reed, daughter of Pam Reed, UNC-Pembroke with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication. **Megan Elizabeth Wranosky**, granddaughter of Beverly Wranosky, Bentley University in Waltham, MA, with a Bachelor of Science in Finance. Megan plans to pursue a Master's Degree. **Chelsea T. Locklear**, daughter of Trina Locklear, North Carolina State, Bachelor's Degree in International Studies with minors in Non-Profit Studies and Native American Studies. Chelsea will participate in a one-year program through Americorp (Citiyear), in Brooklyn, NY, working in the inner city schools as a mentor.

Health: Katherine Bundy Clark, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Clark, Richmond Community College with a degree as a Registered Nurse.

4-H winners named



2011 Fashion Revue winners are, left to right, Hannah Ammons, Brooklyn Woodside and Aubrina Neese.

Approximately 75 youth and adults attended the County 4-H Fashion Revue and Entertains on May 19 at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church.

Fourteen youth participated in the Fashion Revue in which the following 1st and 2nd place winners were announced:

Ages 9-10: Brooklyn Woodside and Athena Ward,

Ages 11-13: Aubrina Neese and Shaliegh Neese,

Ages 14-19: Hannah Ammons and DeAngelo Byrd.

In the 4-H Entertains, 13 youth participated. Two youth, Brooklyn Woodside and Langston Byrd, were chosen to represent Scotland County 4-H at District Activity Day 4-H Entertains in June.

Resurrected Chalk Banks Challenge attracts hundreds to State Park

More than 500 water enthusiasts and spectators spent a day enjoying and competing in the resurrected Chalk Banks Challenge, a river craft race held May 21 at Lumber River State Park.

It has been 25 years since the last Chalk Banks Challenge was held. The 2011 event was so successful that organizers will consider whether to turn it once again into an annual event.

Competition was divided into three categories, including single and tandem kayak races, single and tandem canoe races and homemade raft races in both the single or multi-person categories. Trophies were awarded to the first place finishers in each category. More than 25 entries took part in the competition.

Homemade rafts had to be constructed of all homemade materials except for the paddles, and they could not be motorized.

Lumber River State Park Citizens Advisory Committee Chairman Whit Gibson said the event was formerly known as the Lumber River Canoe and Raft Regatta, a raft race with homemade rafts held on the Fourth of July.

The Chalk Bank Challenge also featured entertainment including Scottish fiddler Jamie Laval, storytelling by Laurinburg native Tyris Jones and bluegrass music by Appalachian Blue.

“One of the most rewarding aspects of the event occurred when several local people approached me to say that they didn’t realize such a lovely park was this close to their home,” Gibson said. “That was part of our motivation — to introduce people to what a wonderful resource we have here.”

The event was sponsored by the advisory committee along with the town of Wagram and the Lumber River State Park.



Homemade rafts were among the attractions at the Chalk Banks Challenge. Photo by Tommy Hatcher, EMS, retired.



On the floor of the House during County Assembly Day May 25 are, left to right, County Manager Kevin Patterson, Representative Garland Pierce, Commissioner Carol McCall, Chairman Bob Davis and Economic Developer Greg Icard.

Commissioners address budget challenges with area legislators

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Current law requires 40 percent of lottery proceeds, an estimated \$170 million, be distributed to counties to fund school capital projects. That figure was reduced to \$98.7 million for county distribution.

County Manager Kevin Patterson said the funds received locally would just cover the annual payment on the Wagram Primary School expansion.

The Commissioners asked the local legislators to support full restoration of the school capital lottery funds.

They also expressed concern over the State’s plan to have counties house State misdemeanants up to 180 days in local jails.

The shift represent an estimated \$45 million impact to counties and would cost Scotland County from \$60 to \$80 per day per misdemeanant.

Patterson said the shift would add inmate population to an already overcrowded jail. The County jail capacity is 105, yet its population has reached a high of 135.

Hot Load process helps save lives

Text and photo by Roylin Hammond, EMS

A trauma patient is placed on a Hot Load (the helicopter never shuts down) operated by Carolina Air Care Air Ambulance. The patient was picked up in the Laurel Hill area by Scotland County EMS and transported to the Heli-pad at Scotland Memorial Hospital.

The patient was flown directly to the UNC Chapel Hill Trauma Center, pictured left, and was never taken inside Scotland Memorial



Hospital. This is done to get the patient to the Trauma Center in the shortest time possible.

With trauma cases, receiving definitive care in the first hour after the incident is important. This is commonly referred to as the "Golden Hour."

In this case, the patient transfer from Scotland County EMS to Carolina Air Care was very smooth. The helicopter was only on the ground seven minutes at Scotland Memorial before it took off for UNC Medical Center.

Lightning dangers increase from spring and into summer

Central North Carolina faces dangers from lightning throughout spring and summer. In a typical year there are around 500,000 lightning strikes in North Carolina.

Lightning results from the buildup and discharge of electrical energy between positively and negatively charged particles. A thunderstorm builds up a huge electrical charge as ice particles inside the storm collide and through friction generate a static charge.

These particles of suspended ice in the thunderstorm collide as they are carried around by the storm's updraft and downdraft. Once the electrical charge is strong enough to travel from the cloud to the ground, a lightning bolt is created.

Thunder can be used to gauge the distance of a lightning strike. Count the number of seconds between the moment you see the flash of lightning and hear the clap of thunder. Every five seconds that goes by before the clap of thunder is one mile.

This technique only indicates how far away one lightning strike was from your location. The next one could be a lot closer. Lightning can travel as far as 10 to 12 miles from a thunderstorm. For that reason, anytime you hear thunder or see lightning, seek shelter indoors.

Most lightning fatalities occur when people are caught outside working or taking part in some recreational activity. If you are outside move indoors if possible. Stay off of the telephone and stay away from windows. If caught outdoors, stay away from trees, telephone poles and other tall objects.



Horne talks recycling at Laurel Hill Primary

Solid Waste Enforcement Officer J.R. "Bobby" Horne, pictured above, shared information on recycling with third grade students at Laurel Hill Elementary School.

Horne talked about recycling and how it is beneficial to the community. Horne also demonstrated ways recycled materials are used for construction and throughout homes and schools.

Horne provided details about recycling using facts, figures and pictures, all of which was well-received by students. He spoke to 75 students during two 30-minute sessions.

Trailers help in emergencies

Text and photo by Roylin Hammond, EMS

Emergency Management took possession of two new trailers purchased with HINI funds through Public Health Preparedness grants.



One trailer serves as a light tower for night operations, pictured left, while the other serves as a special operations trailer for traffic control and various other equipment storage needed to operate clinics and shelters.

Scotland County Emergency Management equips, secures, stores and maintains the trailers for any type disaster event that might occur.

Public health will simply contact Emergency Management if they need the resource.

**4-H 2011 Summer Fun registration
2 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 1 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 2
Scotland County Cooperative Extension
231 East Cronly Street, Laurinburg**