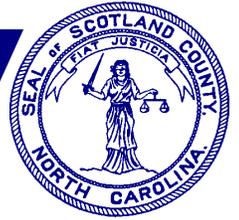


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A newsletter for Scotland County employees

Davis, Hagan discuss local funding needs for projects



Commissioner Bob Davis chats with U.S. Senator Kay Hagan. Photo by Greg Icard, Economic Developer.

Commissioner Bob Davis had opportunity to discuss funding for County projects at a recent Department of Defense trade show in Fayetteville.

Davis crossed paths with U.S. Senator Kay Hagan as he was leaving the trade show and she was coming in to the event.

"We spoke about the runway project and also the need for an intermodal industrial complex study at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport," Davis said of the chance meeting.

Other funding matters the two discussed included accessing the remaining \$350,000 for expansion of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as well as an appropriation for the creation of a senior wellness center at Scotland Place.

Davis said he also asked Hagan to support St. Andrews Presbyterian College in any manner possible.

Scotland County cited as a net producer of jobs in the region

by Greg Icard, Economic Developer

Scotland County is a net producer of jobs in the region. According to the State Employment Security Commission (ESC), 6,050 Scotland County workers commute out of county to work in surrounding counties while 8,268 workers commute into Scotland County from surrounding counties.

The County is a net producer of 2,218 jobs each day because it employs that many residents from other counties and in so doing, helps keep the unemployment for surrounding counties lower than it would be otherwise. In addition, 7,200 Scotland County residents live and work in the County.

The data gives insight into the positive impact Scotland County has on the region even though it is a small county geographically and in population.

Even more interesting is of surrounding counties within the Southeast Region, such Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson and Columbus, Bladen is the only county that has a net gain in workforce at 809 jobs.

Hall named new DSS Director

A program manager at Richmond DSS will transition to the Scotland County agency as its new director effective September 16.

J. Robert "Robby" Hall, Jr. will replace Joe Knott, who retired as DSS Director July 30.

Prior to his position as program manager with Richmond County DSS, Hall served as a child services supervisor at the agency for six years and earlier as a child protective services investigator.

While there Hall introduced multiple grant programs and funding to Richmond County totaling more than \$450,000.

Hall's previous work experience also includes a tenure at RHA Health Services and at Sandhills Mental Health in Richmond County.

A 1993 graduate of Western Carolina University, Hall earned a B.S. in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice.

Library offers downloadable audio books through NC LIVE

by Leon Gyles, Library

Scotland County Memorial Library now has available approximately 1,300 downloadable audio books accessible through NC LIVE, the statewide online library, with a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the State Library of North Carolina.

The new audio books are compatible with iPods and most MP3 devices, with subjects focusing primarily on language learning, classic literature, history and biography.

Patrons can download and instantly listen to titles such as Julia Child's *My Life in France*, Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre* and Stephen King's *Shawshank Redemption*, or they can try to learn a new language such as Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

The audio books are available to library patrons in their homes via an Internet connection. By utilizing their library cards, library patrons have free, online access to the new collection of audio books through the library's website at [/www.scotlandcolibrary.com/links.cfm](http://www.scotlandcolibrary.com/links.cfm), or through www.nclive.org.

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Construction projects underway in Wagram



There's a bustle of activity in the Town of Wagram with two major construction projects underway.

Chairman J.D. Willis, above, shares a few statements of welcome at a groundbreaking for the Wagram Primary School expansion.

Behind him is the site where additional classrooms will be built to free space in the school and eliminate the need for mobile units.

Commissioners Bob Davis and Guy McCook and County Manager Kevin Patterson also attended the groundbreaking.

From there, County officials and Wagram Mayor Milton Farmer traveled one block north to the site where construction of the Wagram Recreation Center is almost complete.

Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Newton took the group on a tour of the 14,000-square-foot building. The Center will include a gymnasium with walking track and shuffle board area, a classroom, multi-purpose room and workout/weight room.

Pictured below, left to right, Newton shows McCook, Patterson, Davis and Farmer the flooring that will be used in the gymnasium.



The County surpassed its goal for the Blood Drive with 27 units collected. Thanks to all who gave the gift of life!

EMStatistics

EMS Report for July:

911 Report Highlights:

409 EMS
568 Sheriff's Department
392 Laurinburg Police Department
99 Fire Department
1,036 hang-up calls
93 wrong numbers
50 open line calls
2,231 cellular calls
2,883 total calls to 911
Top five complaints for EMS Response

85 sick person (specific diagnosis)

42 traffic accidents (total patients)

40 breathing problems

33 falls/back injuries (traumatic)

27 transfer/interfacility/palliative care

Weather Observations

(EMS Recordings)

Temp (high) 100 on 7/7

Temp (low) 69 on 7/3

Wind (mph) 29 on 7/13

Rainfall (inches) 1.73 on 7/9

Compiled by Michael McQueen

Employees complete Route 66 trip

Six employees, who walked the equivalent of 2,440 miles to **Get Fit on Route 66** through regular exercise, were recognized for their effort.

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Wellness Coordinator Alissa Willett presented gift bags to Danny Sprouse and Judy McMillan, Health; Linda Holland and Ann Kurtzman, Administration; and Rachel Beach and Clarence "Bud" McAllister, Inspections.



From left, Alissa Willett with gift bags for Danny Sprouse, Linda Holland, Ann Kurtzman and Judy McMillan. Rachel Beach and Clarence "Bud" McAllister, not pictured, also received a gift bag.

McAllister also was recognized in April for being fourth in a field of 667 participants statewide to finish the program at a record pace.

Of the 37 County employees who registered to participate in the web-based fitness plan, the six completed the program. They received a pedometer, a 2011 Smart Moves wall calendar and a reference book that features answers to everyday health problems.

The **Get Fit on Route 66** campaign, sponsored by NCACC, challenged county employees statewide to travel 2,440 miles from Chicago to Santa Monica by calculating the amount of time invested in health-related activity. Each minute of exercise equated to traveling a mile on Route 66 toward the California coast.

Willett praised the 37 employees who registered. "Signing up for the program is the beginning of a commitment toward a healthier lifestyle. That shows they are looking to change, and they did make the effort."

Audio book downloads available

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Library staff agree the new audio books are an asset for the community. "Library patrons consistently ask for audio books, and we are happy to be able to bring them audio books that they will be able to download, listen to and take with them on the go," said Library Technician Belinda Norton.

NC LIVE, North Carolina's statewide online library, purchased the audio books through Ingram Digital and will make them available through its MyiLibrary® Audio Books platform. MyiLibrary® is the Ingram Content Group's industry-leading e-content aggregation platform for public, academic and professional libraries around the world.

News of Note

Fall Litter Sweep is September 17

The Fall 2010 Litter Sweep will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, September 17. Volunteers can pick up supplies and a free slice of pizza at Nic's Pic Kwik, 408 North Main Street. Supplies provided by the NC Department of Transportation include orange safety vests, gloves and orange bags for general trash. The Litter Sweep is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Image Committee with the assistance of Solid Waste Enforcement Officer J.R. "Bobby" Horne.

Jobs Expo scheduled at National Guard Armory

A two-day Expo September 23 and 24 at the National Guard Armory will help people find a job. Made possible by a grant from the NC Rural Center, the Resources Expo 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. September 23 will feature all resources in the County in one place. There will be seminars, one-on-one consultations and door prizes awarded each hour. The Job/Business Expo 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 24 will showcase businesses in Scotland and surrounding counties. SCATS (Scotland County Area Transit System) vans will provide free transportation to the Expo from designated pick up sites in Laurinburg, Maxton, Wagram, Laurel Hill and Gibson. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities. For information call Brenda Gilbert, 276-7420.

Prescription Discount Card represents savings for users

The number of prescriptions purchased using the NACo-sponsored Prescription Drug Discount Card program was 313 in July 2010, down from 327 in June 2010. The NACo program in cooperation with Caremark offered the best prices on 123 prescriptions in July. Since Scotland County began participating in the Prescription Drug Discount Card program in September 2006, 13,681 prescriptions have been processed at pharmacies for a total price savings of nearly \$124,138 for customers. The number of people using the the discount prescription card, however, remains relatively unchanged at about 120. The Prescription Drug Discount Card is available at all County offices. It is free. There is no registration process. All pharmacies in Scotland County accept the card. It may be used at any time a prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits to how many times the card may be used. A limited number of Prescription Drug Discount Cards in Spanish also are available.

Kindermusik classes available through Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation will host *Kindermusik with Melody Ebert* for ages two to four year olds. "ABC Music and Me" will focus on singing, moving and learning. The theme for the September classes will be Carnival of Music. Daytime classes begin September 10 at 10 a.m. The four-week session will be held Fridays and last for 30 minutes. Evening classes begin September 14 at 6 p.m. Tuesdays for four-weeks, with each session 30 minutes in duration. Each child will receive a take-home kit with a book, instrument and CD of music. Register online at www.kindermusik.com or stop by Scotland Place Senior/Civic Center, 210 Turnpike Road. Cost is \$60 or \$15 per class. For more information call 277-2585. Classes are limited to 15 participants.

Go purple and support Relay for Life

Support the 2010 Scotland County Relay For Life by purchasing a purple bow for display in your office or at home. The Health Department Relay Team has bows available for purchase for \$5 each. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society/Relay For Life. Luminaries are available for \$10 each. Contact any member of the Health Department Relay Team to purchase a luminary no later than September 24. Checks may be made out to Relay For Life or American Cancer Society. If you would like to join the team, start your own team or would like information, call Lynda McMillan at 277-2470, ext. 4445.

Soft court resurfacing project completed

Resurfacing of the four soft courts at the Tennis Center was completed over an eight-day period with a total of 186 combined volunteer hours. Most memorable was the fun the volunteers had pulling out and re-nailing 8,000 line nails. Without volunteers the resurfacing would not have been possible. To achieve resurfacing, 9.5 tons of top dressing were put on the soft courts and the lines relaid so the courts will play better. Everyone can help keep the courts in good condition by sweeping and rolling them after play, not playing on the courts if they are wet or soft (you'll see footprints) and patching divits dug while playing.



Rachel Beach, Inspections, and Bobby Horne, Public Works, promote Spring Litter Sweep. Litter bags along with vests and gloves (worn by Beach) will be distributed to volunteers.

County attracts job seekers

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Counties that lose more workers than they gain do not have enough jobs to support their population, thus they search surrounding counties.

Data like this helps identify trends in the County's workforce and employment and assists residents in job creation through entrepreneurship (also known as Economic Gardening) and training the workforce to be better prepared to enter the labor market.

The ultimate goal is to increase job opportunities and investment in Scotland County so the quality of life is improved. The County attracted several industries in the past two years and is now developing entrepreneurship training to assist job growth in the community.

These recent successes result in strategic and incremental development that will allow Scotland County to create sustainability moving forward.

the Birthday list for September

1 Felisa Lockey (DSS); **2** Jennifer Clark (Sheriff) and Cathy Graham (Cooperative Extension); **5** Richard Taylor and James Sweet (Jail) and George Butler (Sheriff); **6** Anita Nelson (DSS) and Denise Cox (EMS); **7** Holly Russell (Parks and Recreation); **8** Debra Kersey (Health); **10** Jeannie Freeman (DSS), Umeko Terry (Cooperative Extension) and Djuna Hale (Jail); **11** Kimberly Villanueva (DSS), James Lavinier (Sheriff) and Deborah Rogers (Health); **12** Tina Swinney (Jail); **13** Henry Freeman (EMS) and Roger Dial (Public Buildings); **14** Carlotta Rivers (Health); **16** Nancy Hughes (Tax); **18** Susan Butler (Administration); **20** Twanna McCrimmon (DSS), Heather Wyke and Cardra Burns (Health) and Leon Gyles (Library); **25** Alisa Freeman (Health) and Falana Jackson (DSS); **26** Joshua Byrd (EMS); **29** Lynda McMillan (Health).

the Birthday list for August

1 Willie Hunt (Public Works); **2** Jennie Lowe (DSS); **4** Ed Cushman (Health) and Daniel Dockery (Planning and Zoning Board); **5** Michael McQueen (EMS); **8** James Horne (Public Works) and Amber Morrison (Jail); **11** James Williams (Jail); **12** Janet Mudd; **13** Latisha Lowery (DSS), Elaine Bailey (Health) and Cynthia Morton (Health Board); **14** Joan Alford (DSS) and Kevin Strickland (EMS); **15** Dell Parker (Elections) and Robert Williams (Transportation); **18** Nancy McPeck (Jail) and Tina Phillips (Health); **20** Rebecca Snyder (Health), Stephanie Palmer and Andrea McLeod (DSS) and James Pruitte (Morgan Complex); **21** Rebecca Antill (Library); **22** Towana Harrington and Amy Locklear (DSS); **23** David Flowers (EMS); **24** Michelle McQuaige (Jail); **25** Stephanie Bennett (EMS); **26** Isabelle Woods (DSS); **27** Victor Locklear (Sheriff) and Jillian Haux (Health); **28** Tenita Bullard (IT) and Linda Harper (DSS); **29** Mitch Johnson and Marcus Brown (Sheriff); **30** Kimberly McRae (DSS) and **31** Katherine Caulder (DSS).

Introductions & transitions

Welcome to those individuals who joined Scotland County departments since June 16, 2010: **Heather Wyke, Jillian Haux, Maacah "Jeannine" Toney, Priscilla Bryant, Tina Phillips** and **Wanda Hassler**, Health; **Charles Crifasi** and **Jonathan Simmons**, Jail; **Anna Smith** and **Tyrone McKoy**, Sheriff; and **Robert Williams** and **Willie Peterkin**, part-time with Transportation; **Jessica Watson**, part-time with EMS. **Kimbrick Morris** transitions from part-time to full-time with EMS.

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Parks and Recreation staff, left to right, Alicia Krout, Mike Alford, Doris Ann Donovan, Al Blades, Holly Russell, Shannon Newton and Raymond Moody, were recognized by Chairman J.D. Willis and Commissioner and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Guy McCook.

Parks and Recreation staff honored

A surprised Parks and Recreation staff were recognized for their dedication and hard work at the Board of Commissioners meeting in August.

Chairman J.D. Willis and Commissioner and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman Guy McCook presented the staff members with a framed cover and feature article from the summer 2010 edition of the *North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association* (NCRPA) magazine.

Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Newton said the staff suspected something, but had no idea what it might be, when County Manager Kevin Patterson invited her and the entire staff to attend the August 2 meeting.

"We would like to recognize you for the outstanding work you do here in Scotland County," Willis said.

McCook added, "The Parks and Recreation Department has always done a great job. They work tirelessly, most of them working out of closets and in hallways, sharing desks and telephones, to provide exceptional services for citizens of our community."

He added, "They really deserve a show of support, not only from the Commissioners but from the community, for the time and effort they put into the community. For that, they deserve a round of applause."

Post Scripts

Jaylene Toney, daughter of **Jeannine Toney**, Health, was selected for the Pre-Teen America Academic and Enrichment Program in Durham July 30 to August 1. The invitation-only event is for young girls ages seven to 12 who are selected based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities. More than \$5,000 in educational savings bonds and prizes was awarded during the program.



Six Scotland County 4-H'ers attended 4-H Camp August 1 to 6 in Reidsville, NC. Among the many activities available to campers were wall climbing, horseback riding, canoeing, swimming, archery, crafts and low and high ropes. One County 4-H'er participated in the Camp Trekker program in which the group traveled away from camp to go whitewater canoeing and rappelling off a mountain. 4-H Camp is open to all Scotland County youth ages 8 to 14.

Our condolences to **Rhonda Saffel**, Tax, on the August 7 passing of her sister Brenda Kenney, and to **Katherine Caulder**, DSS, on the August 12 passing of her brother-in-law, Raymond Scott Peurifoy.