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A newsletter for Scotland County employees

Groundbreaking makes way for construction of new prison facility



County Commissioners and State legislators break ground at the site of the new prison facility.

State and local officials, representatives from the NC Department of Correction and contractor Carolina Corrections/Centex were on hand November 7 to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new prison facility on McGirts Bridge Road.

More than 400 people will find permanent employment when the 1,000-cell high security prison is completed in 2003. The 400-plus jobs will account for an annual payroll in excess of \$10 million.

Meanwhile, between 275 and 500 people involved in the construction trade will be employed at the site.

Sen. Aaron Plyler commended everyone for the support and patience that went into the project. "The people of Scotland County, the Board of Commissioners and the Chamber have had their hands on the steering wheel and have steered this project to its reality."

And Sen. Bill Purcell praised Sen. Aaron Plyler for getting the site located in Scotland County. "There was a cooperative effort and hard work at all levels, and Rep. Plyler deserves much of the credit for bringing this about."

Purcell added, "If you're going to build a prison, it should be built in a community where jobs are needed. This is a great day for Scotland County and North Carolina."

Ted Adams, Senior Vice President at Centex, said the prison will be erected on-site using 11,000 tons of steel and 30,000 cubic feet of precast concrete. "This prison will be done within the budget and on time," he assured.

Veterans of all wars honored

Not just today but every day.

Retired Brig. Gen. Clint Willis, a County Commissioner, emphasized this as guest speaker at the Veterans Day Ceremony 2001.

"Think about the importance of this country's military and its veterans, not just this one day but every day of the year," Willis said.

Addressing a group of about 100 veterans and family members, Willis added, "A new generation in this country will be reminded of the incredible sacrifice our military has made during the dark years."

Planned construction of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., similar memorials in honor of the country's veterans and movies, such as the recent dramatization of *Pearl Harbor*, serve as reminders of the sacrifice of U.S. veterans.

Scotland County war casualties

World War I:	12
World War II:	49
Korean War:	6
Vietnam:	11

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Hayes, local officials discuss plans in the event of a bioterror attack

U.S. Rep Robin Hayes is all too familiar with possible threats to national security. Hayes, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and other members of Congress were in the Pentagon the morning of September 11 discussing national security just minutes before the first aircraft hit the World Trade Center.

Hayes chose Veterans Day to meet with about a dozen elected officials and administrative, law enforcement and health representatives to discuss plans that are in place on a local level to deal with a possible bioterror attack.

During the 45-minute informal exchange, area officials reported on already available resources and expressed concern about the need for more equipment to deal with a terrorist-related incident.

EMS Director Roylin Hammond asked Hayes to look into securing funding and additional on-site resources to enhance preparedness at the local level.

Hayes, in turn, assured that he would do what he could to secure grant funding for additional preparedness resources for the County.

In response to a request from Laurinburg City Manager Joe Huffman for a state or federal contact/support person,

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Preparedness a topic for Robin Hayes visit



U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes, right, speaks with EMS Director Roylin Hammond, WLNC reporter Sandy Callan and Board of Commissioners Chairman David Burns, left to right.

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Hayes named his district director, Richard Hudson, to act as a liaison with local officials.

Hayes praised those present on the preparatory steps they have already taken to protect citizens of Scotland County and on how well the lines of communication worked among the County, City, EMS, Health Department, hospital and schools.

County Commissioner Clint Willis said, "The more we communicate with the public on what we are doing, the more comfortable they will feel."

Willis added, "It's a matter of putting everything together. A good chain of command and a good response team will take care of Scotland County."

Introductions & transitions

Welcome to those who have joined Scotland County Departments since September 15: **Heather Johnson and Coletha Lane, DSS; Jeffrey Hammonds, Jail; Travis Stone, Sheriff; and Larry Goodwin, Public Buildings.**



LOOK FOR A CAMPAIGN UPDATE IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE.

Notes from the County Manager

Greetings. Working together cooperatively **does** make a difference. Nowhere have I seen such excellent examples of this than in our own "backyard."

Earlier this month, at a site on McGirts Bridge Road, state and local officials and community leaders came together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new 1,000-cell high security prison.

Groundbreaking and ensuing construction of the facility is the result of five years of work by County Commissioners (past and present), the NC Department of Correction and the Chamber of Commerce.

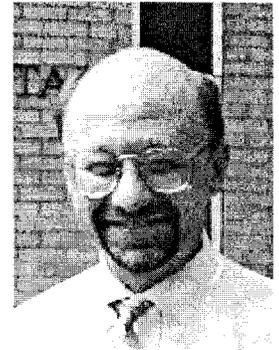
Scotland County is particularly grateful to our State legislators — Senators Aaron Plyler and Bill Purcell and Representative Doug Yongue — whose continued efforts supported us from "day one" in our bid to get the prison located here.

And what a successful bid it turned out to be! When complete, the prison will provide 400 permanent positions. And through 2003, during the building phase, nearly 500 construction workers will have earned paychecks.

Protecting the health and welfare of our citizens is another way cooperative efforts make a difference. I want to personally commend Health Director Jane Murray and Emergency Services Director Roylin Hammond who, along with the city, schools, hospital and law enforcement, have developed a preparedness plan in the case of a bioterrorism attack.

And recently, the Chamber of Commerce took the initiative to bring information from its planning retreat to Scotland County citizens by inviting the County, City and schools to participate in a public forum, scheduled for broadcast on Public Access Channel 63.

Working together cooperatively prepares us for the future and fosters healthy, professional relationships.

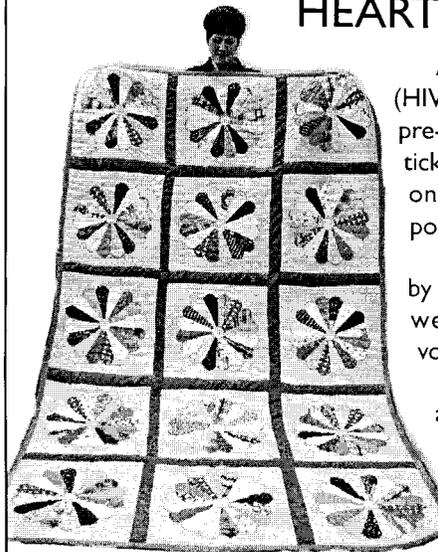


Scott Sauer

Open enrollment for Dependent Care/Medical Reimbursement Plan

Wednesday, December 12, in the County Annex Conference Room; and Thursday, December 13, at the County Complex Commissioners Chambers. Times are 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. both days.

HEART sponsors quilt raffle



A handmade quilt is up for grabs as HEART (HIV Education and Resource Team) sponsors a pre-Christmas raffle. Money raised from the ticket sales will be used for education programs on HIV and as emergency funds for HIV-positive clients who live in Scotland County.

Decorative panels for the quilt, displayed by Linda Holland of the Health Department, were donated. A Laurinburg resident volunteered to hand-sew the panels together.

HIV/AIDS Case Manager Lisa Locklear, a HEART co-chair, said raffle tickets are \$1 each and will be sold through the last week of December. The drawing will be held by the end of the year. To purchase a ticket, contact Locklear at 277-2440.

Sheriff's substation gets location at Laurel Hill Community Center

Laurel Hill residents who wish to file an incident and/or crime report with the Sheriff's Department will soon be able to do so without having to travel to the County Courthouse.

A Sheriff's Department substation has been set up at the Laurel Hill Community Center. According to Major Billy Campbell, the Sheriff's Department is working on days and times when a deputy will be on duty at the substation.

Major Campbell said that plans are underway to set up substations in Wagram and Gibson, too. "This gives the Sheriff's Department more visibility in the community, and it saves gas and mileage for citizens who have paperwork for the Sheriff's Department."

PostScripts

A Gingerbread Ornament Workshop, sponsored by 4-H, will be held for children ages 5 to 12, December 17, 10 a.m. to noon in the Extension Office. Last month, 4-H sponsored a Christmas Sweatshirt Workshop. ✕ Congratulations to **Herman Gillis**, Engineering, and his wife

Mildred Williams of the Veterans Service Office received a Certificate of Appreciation for her support of area veterans and organizing activities on their behalf.



Elsie. The two were among six individuals to receive the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. ✕ 180 people, including County employees, attended the recent poverty simulations designed to sensitize participants to the realities

faced by people living on limited financial resources. The simulations were sponsored by DSS and Project Jubilee. ✕ With Christmas less than a month away, DSS is seeking individuals who wish to sponsor a Foster Care child during the holidays. Call **Celeste McRae** in Child Protective Services for additional information.

the Birthday list for December

1 Lisa Faulkner (Tax); 2 Kimberly Cheek (DSS) and Peggy Robinson (Health); 4 Lloyd Goins (Jail); 5 Prentis Henegan (Parks and Recreation) and Wendy Queen (DSS); 6 Amy Ratley (EMS); 7 Eric Pate (Sheriff); 8 Heather Johnson (DSS) and Ronnie McGee (Sheriff); 10 Pat Davis (EMS); 14 Pat Wells (DSS); 15 Morrison Lockey (EMS) and Sue McRae (Elections); 16 Jamie Yarborough (Health); 17 Sylvia Kolb (DSS); 18 Courtney Carmichael (Health), Jeanette Cribb (Health) and Nicki Peek (Health); 20 Gail Wright (Administration); 22 Alice Holden (DSS); 23 Barbara McLean (DSS) and Harold Smith (EMS); 24 Sandra Leonard (DSS), Esther Taylor (Health) and Anne Tindall (Administration); 26 John Alford (Sheriff); 27 Elfreda Locklear (DSS) and Martin Davis (Public Buildings); 29 Cynthia Gibson (Health) and Michelle Prevatte (DSS); 30 Betty McMullen (Jail), Bunny Anderson (Soil and Water) and James Patterson (Transportation); 31 Marcia Coble (DSS), Mary Armstrong (Health), Mary Ivey (Tax) and Angela Lassiter (DSS).

County veterans saluted



Retired Brig. Gen. Clint Willis serves as guest speaker.

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"One person can make a difference. That idea is uniquely American and is certainly true for those in uniform who protect this country," Willis said. "Freedom is not free, and wherever you are, your nation stands behind you with absolute support."

The event, held at Laurinburg/Maxton Airport, was presented by the Scotland County Veterans Council and featured the presentation of colors by Scotland High JROTC and a 21 gun salute by the American Legion 10th District Ritual Team.

Laurinburg Police Chief Robert Malloy recited "In Flanders Field," and Ivory Smith, Secretary/Treasurer of the Scotland County Veterans Council, recited "The Lucky and the Brave."



School Superintendent Shirley Prince, County Manager Scott Sauer (center) and City Manager Joe Huffman respond to questions from residents.

Public forum informative

Scotland County citizens had the opportunity to learn about how money is spent in County and City government and in the schools during a public forum hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Through Power Point presentations, guest speakers Scott Sauer, Joe Huffman and Dr. Shirley Prince discussed current issues and how, why and where funds are spent.

The public forum, held at Avinger Auditorium at St. Andrews, was videotaped for Public Access Channel 63.



DSS Halloween tricks; 4-H opts for treats

DSS staff showed their Halloween creativity October 31 as many staff members dressed for the occasion, and various departments decorated their halls with a Halloween motif. Children's Services won first place for "Best Decorations" with cobwebs and spiders (plastic of course) dangling from their hall ceilings.

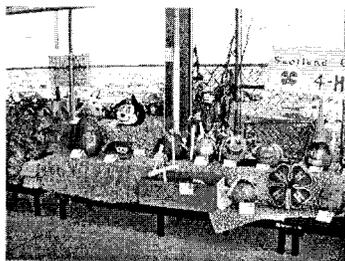
Michelle Prevatte won first place for best costume dressed as a "dental hygienist". Al Blades (Parks and Recreation) judged the costume contest. It was a tough decision for Al, but Michelle was able to win him over with her lovely smile, above left.

DSS Director Jan Elliott, above right, displayed her imaginative powers and was quickly named "Jan, the Good Witch of Scotland."

Meanwhile, 4-H youngsters put their imaginative powers to alternative uses by designing pumpkin necklaces with the help of nutritionist Donna Faye Barton, below right.

And in keeping with the Halloween festivities, the Cooperative Extension sponsored its first-ever 4-H Pumpkin Contest for 4th and 5th grade students. Pumpkins, provided by 4-H, were designed in the individual classrooms and were later displayed at Wal-Mart for the community to enjoy, below left. First place classes received a skating and pizza party at Rocker's Roller Dome; 2nd place classes had a pizza party; 3rd place classes indulged in an ice cream party.

DSS text and photos by Sandy Skamperle.
4-H text and photos by Sharon English.



AND DID YOU KNOW ... there was a "blue moon" the night of Halloween 2001? A blue moon is when a full moon occurs the second time in one month. The last time there was a blue moon on Halloween was in 1955.

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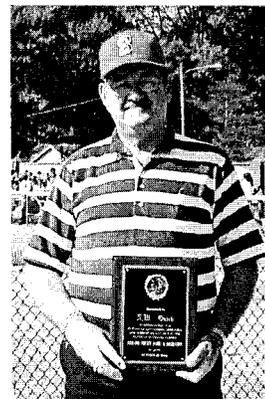
N.W. Quick honored for 35 years as volunteer coach

*Text and photo by Shannon Newton,
Director, Parks and Recreation*

When it comes to coaching youth sports, no one in Scotland County has been more reliable, dependable and dedicated to Scotland County youth than former Laurinburg Police Chief N.W. Quick.

Quick has been coaching youth football in Scotland County for more than 35 years.

He coached the Laurinburg Redskins to a 47-0 victory in the first annual Turkey Bowl in 1967 and this year he was at it again, coaching the Redskins to a 14-0 win in Scotland County Parks and Recreation's 35th annual Cotton Bowl (formerly called the Turkey Bowl).



Accessibility measures implemented for people with disabilities



Public restrooms in the County Courthouse have been retrofitted to allow easier access for people with disabilities.

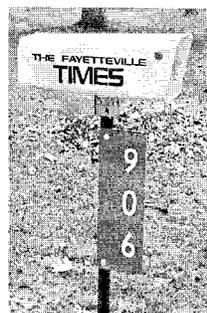
The stalls in the mens' and womens' restrooms have been removed, and the each space has been converted to a single, large bathroom.

Privacy locks have been installed on the doors, and signs outside the restrooms indicate that they are accessible to people with disabilities.

In addition, the Public Buildings staff has designated a handicapped parking space near the Sheriff's Department with a riser in place at the Sheriff's entrance.

Reflective address signs available

Highly visible reflective address signs are now available at Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The signs, made of fade resistant reflective blue material with reflective white numbers on both sides, feature pre-drilled holes for easy installation.



The signs make a practical and meaningful gift for a loved one. "If we can't find you, we can't help you," explained EMS Dispatcher Tommy Hatcher. "A reflective address sign placed in front of the home is highly visible day or night and may help save your life or the life of someone you love."

The signs, like the one pictured, are \$10 and are available at EMS at 1403 West Boulevard. For more information or to purchase an address sign, call 276-1313.