



# SCOTLAND COUNTY MONTHLY

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A newsletter for Scotland County employees



County Manager Scott Sauer, right, discusses local government with the 2002-2003 Chamber of Commerce Leadership Scotland class. Participants gain leadership skills through increased knowledge of community issues.

## Exercise your right to vote: The basics

by Judy Riggins, Director, Scotland County Board of Elections

If you did not cast your vote early because you want to get in on the excitement of Election Day voting, here's what you are required to do when you get to your voting place.

At the voting place on Election Day you'll see groups of people handing out campaign literature asking you to vote for their candidate. If you do not need this information as a reference to cast your ballot, it will be all right to deposit these materials in the trash receptacle as you come in the door to your voting place.

North Carolina Election Laws require that when the voter enters the voting place, he/she must see the person in charge of checking registrations. The registration assistant will ask you to state your name and address and, because this is a primary, your political party. If, by chance, the assistant does not ask for this information, please volunteer it. In a primary election you must vote with your party, Democrats may only vote the Democratic ballot, Republicans may only vote the Republican ballot.

Unaffiliated must choose which primary to vote in. If you are registered Unaffiliated, you should state your name and address and party as Unaffiliated and state the party ballot of your choice. Your records will reflect this choice until this primary is satisfied. Records then return to Unaffiliated. The official who checks your records should properly call out the information given by the voter and state that you are properly registered.

At this time you will be given an ID slip indicating your voter number. This slip will be color-coded to tell the voting machine operator which ballot you are eligible to vote.

Voters who are blind, have a disability or are illiterate may ask for and receive assistance in voting. They may ask any person whom they choose. Voters who ask for assistance must indicate their reason for doing so. The person who is assisting must be voluntarily chosen by the voter and not be the voter's employer, an officer of the voter's union or an agent of either one. The person chosen need not be a registered voter of the precinct and need not be an adult or a relative of the voter. A person may assist as many blind, disabled and illiterate voters who request help. Precinct officials may assist, if asked.

An individual who is asked to assist a voter may go within the voting enclosure and into the voting booth only while assisting, and must leave the voting booth and enclosure immediately thereafter. It is unlawful for anyone who assists a voter to attempt to influence the voter's choice, to keep any record of what was done in the voting booth or to reveal to anyone how the voter voted. The law provides that husbands and wives may occupy the same voting booth, if both wish

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## Patrol cars get new design



Five new patrol cars will set the trend for all others, design-wise.

The Sheriff's Department vehicles feature a bold stripe along the side that match the blue in the Scotland County flag.

Sheriff Buddy Blalock was looking for a feature that would be representative of and unique to Scotland County.

Blalock said the color will gradually be phased in to all other cars that the Department plans to keep in the patrol fleet next year. Those cars now display a black and gold design.

The decal process is done at no cost to the taxpayer since the changes will be paid for from the Department's Drug Fund — money that has been confiscated from drug dealers.

Above, Deputy Mitch Johnson is pictured with one of the new vehicles.

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## Area officials discuss disaster preparedness



Scotland County got lucky. It didn't have to activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) last year.

This year might be different. Nine named storms are expected along the East Coast, six of which may elevate to hurricane status, according to the latest 2002 Hurricane Forecast.

Since hurricanes are generated by warm weather, and this summer has been unseasonably hot, EMS Director Roylin Hammond wasted little time in gathering area officials together to discuss plans should a hurricane strike Scotland County.

"A disaster is organized chaos. This is a way to make it a little more organized," he said.

The officials, many of whom represent the utilities and the health care field, summarized their primary responsibilities should the EOC be activated.

The W.R. Dulin Conference Center was identified as an alternate EOC should the Government Annex on Cronly Street be rendered inoperable. The school bus garage, located on a 12-acre site, is designated as the receiving point for out of area resources.

"Preparing ahead of time and sharing information is the best procedure," explained Hammond.

He discussed the 72-hour preparedness theory where all citizens should have the ability to be self-sufficient for that amount of time.

Other topics discussed included the dangers caused by inland flooding, providing alternate shelter for individuals in a home-care situation, distributing disaster preparedness information in Spanish and building a County Animal Rescue Team.

A new addition to the County's Emergency Operation Plan is a set of protocols addressing the issue of terrorism. That plan was approved August 5 by the Board of Commissioners.

"The events of September 11 have caused emergency management nationwide to rethink disaster planning and preparedness," Hammond explained. "We hope we never have to use it."

## Notes from the County Manager

**Greetings.** The Annual Fall Scotland County Clean-Up Day, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for September 21. Volunteers will meet at 10 a.m. at area fire departments. Cleanup ends at noon. A lot can be accomplished in two hours. Get your family to volunteer. Meet other volunteers. Do what you can for your community.

Last month I asked you to pray for rain. Well, there's good news and bad news. It did rain – a lot. Unfortunately, it hasn't been enough. Here are things you can do at home to save water.

If you run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full, you can save 1,000 gallons a month. Use the garbage disposal less often. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold water. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk. A shower that takes less than five minutes can save 1,000 gallons a month. Use a commercial car wash that recycles water. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth. It saves four gallons a minute. Turn off the water while you shave and save 100 gallons a week. These and other water saving tips are available at [www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org).

Exercise your right to vote. Early voting is available now through September 7 in the Elections Office.



Scott Sauer

## Fundraiser benefits Relay for Life



*Carol Long, above left, was one of the lucky winners to receive a homemade item from co-captain Rebecca Stricklen.*



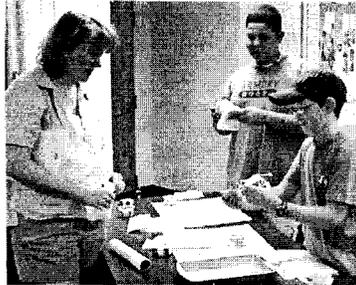
The County's Relay for Life Team advanced a third of the way toward its goal of \$1,900, thanks to a fundraiser where more than 70 baked goods were raffled. The baked items – including 14-layer chocolate cake, hummingbird cake, breads, brownies, cookies, pies and muffins – all were prepared by the team members.

Their work in the kitchen is not yet over as the raffle was the first of three fundraising events scheduled over the next few weeks. There's an August 30 homemade lunch fundraiser and a September 6 silent auction on baked goods.

The Extension's Pam Riemer and Rebecca Stricklen are co-captains of the Relay for Life Team, known as the Cooperation Actioneers. Cooperative Extension, Clerk of Court and Juvenile Services employees make up the team. They are Sharon English, Cathy Graham, Faye Barton, Annie Clark, Hazel McPhatter, Farrah Sheppard, Rogena Deese, Juanita Bowen, Angie Carroll, Katherine Pinkston, Peggy Springs, Cookie Littlefield, Gail Faucette, Paulette Stewart, Debbie Quick, Whit Gibson and Lavonda Jones.



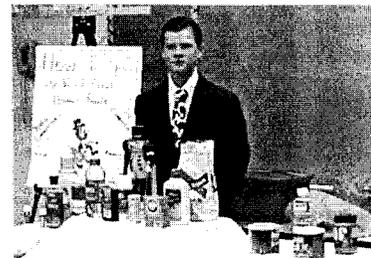
**Jelly making puts smiles on their faces.**



**Jane Seamons inspects the soap making skills of Adam Clark (center) and Brandon Edge.**



**Bronze medalist Ryan Fairley poses with a judge.**



**Bronze medalist Rodney Nichols and his peanut display.**



**Clarieana Gillis visits the nursing home.**

## Area 4-H youth enjoy productive summer

*Text and photos by Sharon English, 4-H Coordinator*

### 4-H Workshops

Candle and soap-making and peach jelly making workshops involved Scotland County's 4Hers recently. With assistance from Jane Seamons of Jane's Soaps and Candles, 4Hers learned the art of making scented candles and soaps from getting the proper supplies to how to scent and pour candles and soaps.

The peach jelly making workshop, presented by Tina Edge and Faye Barton, allowed 4Hers to learn the process of jelly making, beginning with peeling the fruit and preparing the jars to cooking the ingredients and pouring the jelly. Sampling the finished jelly was a highlight of the workshop.

### Back to School Bake-off

A Back to School Bake-off highlighted the skills of 4Hers, ages 5 to 19, in categories of cakes, pies, cookies and breads. Three divisions were 5 to 8 Cloverbuds, 9 to 13 Junior and 14 to 19 Senior.

Cloverbuds winners were Kenta McDougald, Jazzmine Davis, Langston Byrd, D'Angelo Byrd, Matthew Nichols, Shantel Chavis, Grant English, Jonissa Monley, Victor Still, Trejon Monley and Taylor Davis.

Junior Division winners included Ashton Carroll, 1st; Elizabeth English, 2nd and Emily Smith, 3rd in the cakes category; Elizabeth English, 1st and Brandon Edge 2nd in breads; Anna Smith, 1st; Kevin Norton, 2nd and Lamel Chavis, 3rd in cookies; and Celetta Kelly 1st and Nicollette Monley, 2nd in pies. Among the winners in the Senior Division were Tequisa McPhatter, 1st and 2nd in cakes; Dawn Jacobs, 1st in cookies and Quendolyn McFayden, 1st in pies.

A special thank you to judges Janna Wegner, June Ellis, Carolyn Brown and Jackie Lowery.

### 4-H Congress

Nine Scotland County 4Hers spent a busy week at the 4-H Congress in Raleigh participating in workshops, presentations, discussion groups, speaking events, community service projects, award presentations and officer elections. The youth stayed at North Carolina State University and enjoyed the campus experience.

Two Scotland County 4Hers won bronze medals in the State competition, Rodney Nichols, Peanut Foods; and Ryan Fairley, Health.

### Community Service

Area 4Hers visited the Laurels at Forest Glenn, a retirement nursing home in Garner, to assist in transporting residents to the recreation room for an auction in which the patient's bid on donated items using beans.

The youth helped the residents with the bidding process and assisted the auctioneer in displaying the items and delivering them to the successful bidder. Many of the youth made special friends with several of the residents and have expressed interest in volunteering at our local retirement and nursing homes.

### 4-H Summer Oasis

Fifty children enjoyed 4-H Summer Oasis day camp, which focused on Wellness Soup, I'm a Supermodel, Say What?, Sandy Shore Shenanigans, Power Moves, Youth in Action, Imagination Box Creations and Action Characters.

The youth enjoyed visits to the local skating rink, bowling alley and the St. Andrews swimming pool, and elsewhere at Fascinate-U Museum, Fun-Fun-Fun, a movie theater and the Asheboro Zoo. The eight-week camp ended with a field trip to Carowinds in Charlotte.

Nicole Mayernick served as coordinator of the 4-H Summer Oasis Program and Hazel McPhatter, 4-H Youth EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program) taught campers about nutrition and fitness.

# the Birthday list for September

1 Felisa Lockey (DSS); 2 Cathy Graham (Cooperative Extension); 5 Richard Taylor (Jail) and John Slaughter III (Health); 6 Anita Nelson (DSS); 9 Mike Kimbrell (Sheriff); 10 Jeannie Freeman (DSS) and Billy Campbell (Sheriff); 11 Deborah Rogers (Health); 12 Bonnie Norton and J.C. Dunn (Public Buildings); 14 Gloria Duncan (DSS); 15 Vicky McPherson (DSS); 16 Nancy Hughes (Tax); 17 Nathan Monroe (Health); 18 Susan Butler (Administration); 20 Jeffrey Hammonds (Jail); 22 Jane Callahan (Register of Deeds) and Kary Bathea (Transportation); 25 Winnie Lail (Health); 26 Buddy Blalock (Sheriff); 27 Shirley Grooms (Health) and Timothy Hunt (EMS); 28 Doris Smart (Inspections) and Beckie Kimbrell (DSS); 29 Lynda McMillan (Health); 30 Charles Jenkins (Jail).

## Mechanics of voting discussed

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to do so, and may assist each other.

As you enter the voting booth, the machine attendant will ask for your ID slip (remember, this identifies which ballot you are eligible to vote). Hand the machine attendant one ID slip, as that constitutes one person voting. Never turn in two slips at one time!

Please do not lay campaign materials down and/or leave them inside the voting booth. The machine operator will check behind you and remove this material. Be a good citizen, take the material with you and/or deposit it in the trash can.

If you bring someone to the voting place who cannot come inside because of age or physical disability, please inform your precinct officials. The Chief Judge will assist the voter or will assign someone to assist the voter by bringing the voting mechanism out to him/her for curbside voting.

We encourage all eligible citizens to participate. Remember, the greater the participation, the greater the democracy.

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## Sanford honored at retirement party



Veterans, community leaders, family and friends turned out to extend best wishes to Robert Sanford (seated), who County Manager Scott Sauer described as a "dedicated public servant whose red, white and blue runs very deep."

Sanford served Veterans Service Officer for 13 years.

Clarence Claggett, (standing), District Service Officer, NC Division of Veterans Affairs, praised Sanford for his loyalty and sense of patriotism. "You are someone who can be depended on."

## Comprehensive Plan speaker series continues

The Scotland County Planning and Zoning Board continued its Guest Speaker Series August 21, hosting Moore County Planning Director Nancy Roy.

Roy's presentation, "Why Plan? – The Land Use Planning Process," described experiences in Moore County during its comprehensive plan update in 1999.

Roy is the latest guest appearing before the board as it continues to work on the Scotland County Comprehensive Plan. The presentation was conducted during a Planning and Zoning Board workshop prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Roy offered suggestions for increased public participation and explained the importance of local government planning. "A key to our success was our partnership with the Agricultural Extension Office," she said.

The Guest Speaker Series is a presentation that takes place one hour prior to the regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning Board Meeting.

The next presentation will be September 18 at 6 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers on West Boulevard. A representative from the North Carolina Chapter of The American Planning Association will give the presentation titled "Smart Growth in North Carolina."

Anyone interested in learning more about Planning for the future of Scotland County is welcome to attend.

– Marcus Norton, Planning Director

## Introductions & transitions

Welcome employees who joined County departments since June 16: **James Ronald Brigman**, Landfill; **Winnie Lail**, Health; **Clyde W. Smith, Jr.** and **Woodrow Walters**, Sheriff; **Carol McCall**, Parks and Recreation; and **Larry Tunstal**, part-time in EMS.

**Board of Commissioners regular meeting  
7 p.m., September 9, 1405 West Boulevard**