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Scotland County, NC



A newsletter for the Scotland County community

Library celebrates 75 years of service

Scotland County Memorial Library celebrated its 75th birthday August 28. That's the official birthday. Unofficially, the library is several years older than that.

In the late 1930s, the first public library in Scotland County was established by women of the community. Through their efforts, the materials required to establish a public library were obtained.

County officials authorized the women to use a second floor jury room in the courthouse for this first public library. This library failed because it lacked the funds for new books and for better and more adequate quarters.

The current Scotland County Memorial Library had its beginning at a meeting called by Mrs. A. M. Fairley on February 13, 1941, when a number of people met at her home to discuss the possibility of opening a library for Scotland County citizens.

Through the efforts of this group of concerned citizens the first Scotland County Library opened August 28, 1941. The library occupied the entire second floor of the former Goodwin home at the corner of Cronly and Atkinson Streets.

On December 11, 1950, after six years of planning and work by community members, the Scotland County Library moved to a new location, occupying space at the Ed Guest Building next to the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Atkinson and West Church streets.

At the dedication ceremony, the library's name was officially changed to Scotland County Memorial Library — the first memorial library in North Carolina dedicated to the men and women who fought in World War II.

The new library had an added distinction of being the first new library building erected in the state since World War II.

In October 1967, the library opened in its current location at 312 West Church Street and was built with \$80,000 in private donations, a \$92,000 federal grant and \$45,000 from the sale of its old building.

The current library holds twice the number of books as the old facility, allows for additional research and study space and features a community room that accommodates up to 50 people.

It is a full-service public library, offering most things featured in a city library, but on a smaller scale.

Team up for 2016 Fall Litter Sweep

It's time for the 2016 Fall Litter Sweep. Teams and individuals will pick up litter the week of September 12 to 17. The King of the Mountain cash prize of \$200 will be awarded to the individual or team that picks up the most weight in litter. Second place win is a \$100 cash prize. The first 100 people who sign up will be eligible to receive various small prizes.

Vests, gloves and trash bags are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 606 Atkinson Street, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Bags of litter can be dropped off at any of the four recycling centers around the County including Stewartsville South, Williamson/Livingston Quarters and Wagram. Palmer Road will be open Wednesday and Saturday only.

Be sure to notify the site volunteer of the number of bags collected. All bags of litter must be received by 3 p.m. Saturday, September 17. Fall Litter Sweep host is the Chamber of Commerce Green Team.

Health Department earns re-accreditation

The Health Department has again been awarded the status of re-accreditation by the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board.

North Carolina is the first State in the country to mandate accreditation for its local health departments.

The purpose of the accreditation program is to assure a basic level of capacity and services in each of the local health departments across the State.

Since the pilot program involving six local health departments began in 2004, all 85 health departments have been accredited in North Carolina.

The process of accreditation includes three major components — a self-assessment completed by the agency, a site visit by a multidisciplinary team of peers to review performance standards and determination of accreditation status by an independent accreditation board comprised of State and local public health officials, Board of Health members, County Commissioners and public members.

"These health departments have not only demonstrated their ability to meet a set of important performance standards, but excelled in many areas," said Amy Belflower-Thomas, accreditation administrator at the North Carolina Institute of Public Health. "Through re-accreditation, these agencies demonstrate a strong commitment to continuously work to improve the quality of services provided to their respective communities."

The Local Health Department Accreditation program is a collaboration of the North Carolina Institute for Public Health (part of the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors and the North Carolina Division of Public Health (part of the NC Department of Health and Human Services).



Holding the re-accreditation award are, from left, Interim Health Director Wayne Raynor, Director of Nursing Tina Clark, Health Director Kristen Patterson and Accreditation Coordinator Maria Roberts.

Newly acquired roll-off truck will service recycle centers

The landfill is now using a 2009 Mack Granite roll-off truck purchased from Apex Equipment in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Public Works Supervisor Bryant Higgins said the purchase of this particular truck, which would cost \$190,000 new, saved the County an estimated \$80,000 with a price of \$106,000.

"I got a two-year, 200,000 power-train warranty, whichever comes first," Higgins said. "That means if we have problems with any major components, it's covered under warranty."

Higgins added, "If the truck was run every day, we might not take that risk. But the way we operate around here, it will take a long time to put that mileage on there."

The truck will service the recycling centers throughout the County by dumping the various bins — those for yard waste, MSW and recyclables.

It replaces two 1994 Volvo Whites. "They've had motors rebuilt and transmissions replaced," Higgins said. "I wanted to replace those 20-year-old trucks with something way newer to us. Going from a 1994 model to a 2009 is a pretty big step."

The older trucks will be used to haul rock in the winter and take care of some road work before they are surplus and sold.

Ambulance put in rotation

With the addition of a new 2016 model ambulance AEV EMS Unit 195, EMS unit 200 will be replaced.

Unit 200 is a 1997 model AEV two-ton ambulance with 242,000 miles that has served the County well over the past two decades.



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The International Navistar DT 466 cost about \$92,000 in 1997, while the new unit, EMS 195, is a one-ton E-450 Ford truck that cost a little more than \$151,000.

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said the new ambulance was a welcome addition since four of the six trucks EMS operates were in the shop and out of service when the new unit was delivered.

"We are sure it will not last 20 years as the old unit 200 did," Hammond quipped. "But at least it is running today."

World Rabies Day 2016 is September 28. Owners of dogs, cats and ferrets are reminded to keep their pets currently vaccinated.

Post Scripts

The following individuals joined Scotland County departments between June 16 and July 15: **Judy Cauley** and **Rebecca Dold**, Health; **Meyer McDonald**, **Michael Woods** and **Yalonda Williams**, Jail; **Tina Dunn**, Sheriff; and **Nicole Oxendine**, Sheriff.

Kathie Cox, Health, has been asked to serve as Vice President of NCSOPHE (North Carolina Society of Public Health Education) Executive Committee for next year. Announcement of the new executive committee is expected at the NCSOPHE Annual Conference in October. **Fall Mixed Doubles** begin Monday, September 19, at the Tennis Center. If interested, email Rod Riley at R2greenworld@yahoo.com or call the Tennis Center at 277-2592. All matches will be played on Monday and Thursday starting at 6:30p.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The September birthday list

1 Felisa Lockey (DSS), Charles Clark (EMS) and Rodney Williams (Jail); **2** Roger Russell (Public Buildings); **3** Vacardo Riggins (Public Buildings); **5** James Sweet (Sheriff) and Felicia McCall (Health); **6** Kristin Scott (EMS); **7** Tammy Jacobs (Parks and Recreation); **8** Debra Kersey (Health) and Laura Gardner (DSS); **9** Faith Cox (E-911 Center); **10** Jeannie Freeman (DSS) and Rod Burks (IT); **11** Deborah Rogers (Health); **12** Tina Whitfield (Jail) and Donald Taylor (DSS); **13** Roger Dial (Public Buildings) and Summer Boysworth (EMS); **14** Carlotta Rivers (Health); **15** Denise Dunn (Library); **16** Nancy Hughes (Tax); **18** Susan Butler (Administration) and Page Pratt (Register of Deeds); **19** Whit Gibson (Commissioner), Dwight Bryant (Parks and Recreation) and Sharon McIntyre (E-911 Center); **20** Leon Gyles (Library), Heather Wyke (Health), Twanna McCrimmon (DSS) and David Carter (Transportation); **22** Christina Dowd (Sheriff); **23** Mark Ward (Economic Development); **25** Alisa Freeman and Rebecca Dold (Health), Falana Jackson (DSS), Andrew Walker (EMS) and Rhonda Patterson (E-911 Center); **26** Josh Byrd (EMS); **29** Ralph Kersey (Sheriff); and **30** David Shankle (Sheriff).

Our condolences to ...

Larry Locklear, Public Buildings and Grounds, on the July 31 passing of his mother-in-law, Ruth Whitehead, who is mother of his wife, **Annie Locklear**, Health Department retiree; **Rod Burks**, IT, on the July 31 passing of his father, Rockie Lewis Burks; **Michele Green**, DSS, on the August 5 passing of her father-in-law, Henry Green; **Amy Miller**, Soil and Water, on the August 21 passing of her grandmother, Mary Evelyn Arrington; **Cherie Jackson**, DSS, on the passing of her mother, Vera Thomas.

Fall sports season kicks off with Extravaganza Saturday

Parks and Recreation kicks off its fall sports season with Football Extravaganza Saturday, September 10. Extravaganza features eight flag football teams, nine tackle football teams and cheerleading squads in each league.

Kickoff to soccer season will be Sunday, September 18. This year's soccer program has nearly 300 participants. Volleyball participation has nearly doubled in its second year of existence. Practices begin September 12. Games are Thursdays, starting September 29.