

# Scotland County

## Monthly



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A newsletter for Scotland County employees

## Interim Health Director welcomed



Wayne Raynor

Wayne Raynor assumed responsibilities as Interim Health Director October 24. A 30-year veteran in public health, Raynor is expected to serve as interim at least six months.

Raynor served as public health director in Cumberland and Harnett counties and as interim director in Pender County. He also worked in a variety of women's and children's health programs for the NC Department of Health and Human Services for 20 years.

## Chairman photo found with persistence and facebook know-how

Martha Norfleet scored a coup when she located the photos of three former Board of Commissioners Chairmen in as many months.

Norfleet, Soil and Water Conservation, credited facebook with her most recent find, that of John McKay, Board of Commissioners Chairman from 1902 to 1906. Being a lifelong County resident also worked in her favor.

"I knew brothers John and Duncan McKay, who lived in Wagram and attended school there," Norfleet explained. "I knew Archie McLean knew the McKay brothers very well. Archie and I went to the same church and we lived in the same neighborhood."

When Norfleet asked McLean how she might contact one of the McKay brothers, McLean gave her the email of Duncan McKay, who he described as the McKay family historian.

Norfleet's email to McKay was returned as unknown. "So I searched for him on facebook, and it gave me several addresses, one of which was Duncan McKay, who resides right outside of Wagram."

"I called, introduced myself and told him I was looking for a photo of John McKay for the gallery of Chairmen photos," Norfleet said. "He only had a digital photo, and he shared that with me."



John McKay

Two Chairmen have yet to be located — F.B. Gibson (1900-1902) and William Franklin Wright (1906-1908). The photo gallery can be seen at 507 West Covington Street.

## New lobby at DSS frees up needed space for agency



**What used to be the Commissioners Chamber is now a larger lobby/waiting area for DSS clients.**

What was once the Commissioners Chamber is unrecognizable now that it has been transformed into a lobby for DSS clients.

The transformation cost an estimated \$40,000. It was the only capital project funded in the FY 2012 budget.

The Commissioners relinquished the Chamber in February after the State directed DSS to develop a multi-year plan that would address space, privacy and storage issues in the existing facility.

The lobby with reception area seats 70. The former lobby at the agency is being turned into three offices and a storage area.

The new lobby also will feature a space, partitioned for privacy, which will have computers for clients to fill out and complete certain applications.

Part of the space plan at DSS but not yet funded includes converting the Speller Building across the street from the Post Office into space for DSS administration and Child Support Services.

## Soil testing begins at intended EOC site

*Text and photo by Roylin Hammond, EMS*

Soil testing has begun at the site where the new County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/911 Call Center will be located.

Soil testing consultants contacted by the architectural firm designing the facility were on site recently with a drilling rig to test the soil consistency down to 100 feet below the surface.

The design work is currently in progress, and the soil information will be used in the foundation design of the facility.

Funding for the EOC construction is made possible through a federal Homeland Security Grant and the use of some 911 monies.



# News of Note

## RCC schedules class at Wagram Recreation site

Richmond Community College will conduct classes at Wagram Recreation Center as part of an agreement with Parks and Recreation. A class in College and Career Readiness will be held Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. RCC will provide instructional material and supplies and up to 10 computers in a designated classroom. It also will provide WorkKeys training and testing when applicable.

## Nominations sought for volunteer service

Nominations are being accepted through November 11 for the 2012 North Carolina Award for Volunteer Service from Scotland County. Each county selects up to six individuals, businesses and/or groups to be recognized for outstanding contributions to their communities. A local committee will evaluate nominations for Scotland County. Nomination forms are available from Howard Whitehurst at [hwhitehurst@gmail.com](mailto:hwhitehurst@gmail.com) or can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce. Forms must be typed to be accepted.

## 457 Plan becomes an option January 1

All County employees will have opportunity to enroll in the NC 457 Plan effective January 1, 2012. This includes Board members and part-time employees who are not eligible for 401k. There is never a 10 percent penalty after a person separates from service regardless of age. A person can contribute the maximum to the 457 if they are able, and fees are low.

## K-9 unit added to Sheriff's office

The Office of the Sheriff obtained a second Dutch Shepherd dog that will be trained to detect narcotics at traffic checks and in other situations as needed. Obtaining the dog was made possible through a \$2,500 donation from Murphy Brown LLC. As an expression of appreciation the Dutch Shepherd was named Lola MB for Lola Murphy Brown. Lt. Danny McLellan is her handler. Lola MB will accompany McLellan on patrol, traffic checks, the serving of warrants and with the SWAT team.

## Basketball 2011 registrations begin

Registration for the 2011 basketball season is October 31 to November 5 for ages 6 to 15. Fee per participant is \$15. Registrations may be made at Scotland Place Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Laurel Hill Community Center registrations are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wagram Recreation Center registrations will be Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Cox recognized for contributions

Health Educator and Healthy Carolinians Coordinator Kathie Cox was awarded the Jeanne Palmer Excel Award for Outstanding Health Educator of the Year during the 2011 NC Public Health Association Annual Conference. The Jeanne Palmer Health Educator Excel Award is presented to an outstanding health educator for implementing meritorious community service health education activities that contribute to the well being of the residents.



Kathie Cox

## Introductions & transitions

Welcome to those individuals who joined Scotland County departments as of August 16, 2011: **Johnny Brown**, DSS; **Katherine Duke**, Public Works; **Dale Phillips** and **Gregory Diggs**, part-time with Parks and Recreation; **James Sweet**, **Jamie Hunt** and **Jenny Oxendine**, part-time with EMS.

## Students learn importance of service by work vehicles

The Scotland Memorial Library Bookmobile, pictured top left, was one of many work vehicles available for inspection at the Third Gear program sponsored by the Laurinburg Scotland County Chamber of Commerce and the Scotland County School System.

455 third grade students from all over the County visited Scotland High School October 14 to see work vehicles and talk with the staff that use the vehicles in their job.

There were vehicles from the City of Laurinburg, Scotland County, law enforcement, wrecker services, tractor users, Scotland Memorial Hospital along with firetrucks, ambulances, race cars and more.

Pictured bottom left, Paramedics Dontae Roland, Anita Jenkins and Sandy Lockey talk with third grade students about EMS and ambulances at the Third Gear program designed to educate young students about different occupations and the equipment that

is used to accomplish their job. — **Text and photos by Roylin Hammond, EMS**

## the Birthday list for November

**1** Charles Blue (Transportation); **2** Roylin Hammond (EMS), Carol McCall (Commissioner) and Nicole Robinson (DSS); **3** Wanda Sheppard (Tax); **4** Theresa Eddins (Register of Deeds) and Angelica Smiling (EMS); **6** Ernest Stephens (Inspections) and Richard Best (Sheriff); **8** Brian Lowry (Health) and Leondra Dial (EMS); **9** Lendo Mason (Transportation); **12** Wayne Gay (Sheriff) and Judy Dubois (DSS); **14** Kelvin Howell (Sheriff); **18** Robert Sampson (EMS), Joy Nolan (Public Works) and Jonathan Smith (Sheriff); **19** Angela Townsend (DSS); **20** Deborah Starr (DSS); **22** Johnny Brown (DSS); **23** Shep Jones (Sheriff); **24** Adam Liles (Health); **25** Martha Norfleet (Soil and Water) and Katherine Duke (Public Works); **26** Chad Branham (DSS); **27** Larry Herring (Health); **28** Betsey Ellerbe (Health) and Carolyn Isbell (DSS); **30** Corrie Patterson (EMS), Jennifer Byrd (DSS), Michealle Reece (Health) and James McPhatter (Jail).

**3rd furlough day is Wednesday, November 23**

## Participants graded at health fairs

FirstCarolinaCare (FCC) not only sponsored health fairs for County employees, it graded participants on the results of their screenings.

The grading system gives employees an indication as to whether they might have a chronic condition like diabetes and whether FCC's Chronic Case Management Program might be helpful.

183 employees, retirees and employee spouses participated in the health fairs hosted by the County.

Employees were graded on blood pressure, total cholesterol, body mass index, glucose and tobacco use. Overall grade for total participants was B-.

In grades by screening more than 48 percent participants received an A in blood pressure-systolic and nearly 50 percent scored an A in blood pressure-diastolic.

Participants did even better in total cholesterol screenings with more than 77 percent capturing the A grade.

More than 60 percent of participants received an A in their glucose screenings. More than 80 percent of participants received an A in tobacco use with 149 questioned saying they don't smoke on a regular basis.

Employees, retirees and employee spouses fell short in body mass index, which indicates whether body weight is healthy in relation to height. Most participants, 60 percent, graded at B or C in the screening with more than 20 percent participants graded at D or lower. Just under 20 percent participants scored an A in body mass index.

The fairs were held twice at the Government Complex, once at the West Covington Street offices and once at the Sheriff's Department.

Drawings were held at the conclusion of each fair for Chamber of Commerce gifts certificates and Scotland County tote bags. Congratulations to Debra Holcomb, Register of Deeds, who won the grand prize, a \$100 gas card.

## County roads a lot cleaner thanks to Fall Litter Sweep volunteers

When the 2011 Fall Litter Sweep was all over, 1,585 pounds of roadway trash was delivered to the convenience centers.

Five groups volunteered to collect litter along County roads September 24 in the Litter Sweep sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Green Committee.

Crystal and Parker Paige picked up the most litter, 558 pounds, to win the top prize of \$200. Sharon Nicholson took second place for a \$150 win. Nicholson brought in 437 pounds of trash. Hilary Kelly's 243 pounds of trash gathered put her in third place for a \$100 win.

Cash awards were made possible through community donations.

SolidWaste Enforcement Officer and Green Committee member J.R. Horne said he was pleased with the fall litter event.

"The weather was overcast and sometimes it rained and a lot was going on in the County, other events like the Kuumba Festival, Relay for Life and an Optimists tournament," Horne said.

He added, "But that didn't stop a group of citizens who wanted to beautify their community from coming out and spending part of their day collecting trash from the roads."



**First place winners Crystal Paige, left, and Parker Paige pick up litter at the intersection of Gibson and Smith roads.**

## Willow Wood residents get bench, shelter for SCATS



**Photo by Roylin Hammond, EMS**

Residents of Willow Wood Apartments now have a bench and shelter where they can wait for pick up by Scotland County Area Transit System (SCATS).

The management of Willow Wood Apartments on Sunset Drive installed the bench and shelter for the benefit of its residents who wish to use SCATS.

"We have approached other apartment complex managers about providing benches and shelters for their residents," said EMS Director Roylin Hammond. "Willow Wood is the first location to actually provide a bench for their residents."

Hammond added, "We at SCATS very much appreciate what Willow Wood has done and hope other complexes that we service will do something similar for their residents."

## New information shared at Open Enrollment meetings

Mandatory Open Enrollment meetings will be held November 15 to 17. Locations and schedule will be announced soon.

Meetings are mandatory because there is much new information that needs to be shared.

Mark III Brokerage representatives will explain the Supplemental Insurance products that are offered by Mark III Brokerage, along with the Flexible Benefits Plan, which includes Day Care Reimbursement and Medical Reimbursement Plan. This is also the open enrollment for the Dental Plan.

Kelly Martindale will explain the NC 457 Plan, which is a new option available for retirement savings. The plan is available to part-time employees as well as board members. It also benefits those who may retire early because there is no withdrawal penalty if you separate from the County.

The new Health Plan option will be explained during the meetings. The new Health Plan option will be available as of January 1, 2012. This is a High Deductible Plan paired with an HSA (Healthcare Savings Account).

— Susan Butler, Human Resources Manager

## School launches produce Fridays

Cooperative Extension partnered with Wagram Primary School to start a produce stand for staff on Fridays.

Second grade classes help weigh and portion out produce into reusable bags (pictured right) to sell and deliver to teachers that have signed up.

All the produce is grown by a youth group in the Wagram and Laurinburg Community gardens. The project introduces youth to the concept of local foods, entrepreneurship and healthy food choices.



## Identity theft a workshop subject

Cooperative Extension and Extension Community Association (ECA) view identity theft as a serious matter, so much so that for the fourth consecutive year they will host a free workshop on the subject. The workshop also will cover frauds and scams and how individuals can fight back.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the nation. Approximately 300,000 North Carolinians have their identity stolen each year. In addition, North Carolina residents lose millions of dollars every year due to consumer frauds and scams such as sweepstakes, charities and home repair.

County residents will have the opportunity to learn how to protect their good name against identity theft, frauds and scams at a November 3 workshop that addresses the issues.

Guest speaker will be Rose White-Hearn, Outreach Specialist from the North Carolina Department of Justice.

The workshop will be offered 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. November 3 at Scotland Place Civic Center, 1210 Turnpike Road, Laurinburg, and again 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension office, 231 East Cronly Street, Laurinburg. The public is invited to attend either session.

"We are pleased that Mrs. Hearn from the State Attorney General's office will speak to our citizens about identity theft protection and frauds and scams," said Sharon English, Family and Consumer Agent with Cooperative Extension.

She added, "During these tough economic times it is more important than ever to protect ourselves and learn information that can prevent becoming a victim of these types of crimes."

The workshops kick-off for the fourth annual Cooperative Extension and ECA Shred-It Event scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2012. The event provides an opportunity for citizens to dispose of paperwork that contains personal information too risky to throw out yet too bulky to keep.

For more information on the workshop or the upcoming Shred-It Event, contact English at 277-2422.

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**Christmas on Main**  
**1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday**  
**November 20**  
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## Gardens dedication lauds family's 4-H commitment

Hazel McPhatter, Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program) Associate, attended the ribbon cutting and dedication of Juanita Ogburn Hudson and Mack Hudson 4-H Courtyard and Gardens at Millstone 4-H Camp in Ellerbe.

4-H youth representatives for each South Central District county paraded into the courtyard with their county rocks during the program. The rocks were placed by a fountain in the courtyard.

Representing Scotland County were Chancelor Byrd, Taylor Davis and Jazmin Davis.

Clinton McRae, South Central District Director, presided over the county stone parade and placement, calling out the names and counties of each 4-H youth representative.

A sneak preview and tour of the "House that Peanuts Built" was also enjoyed by everyone.

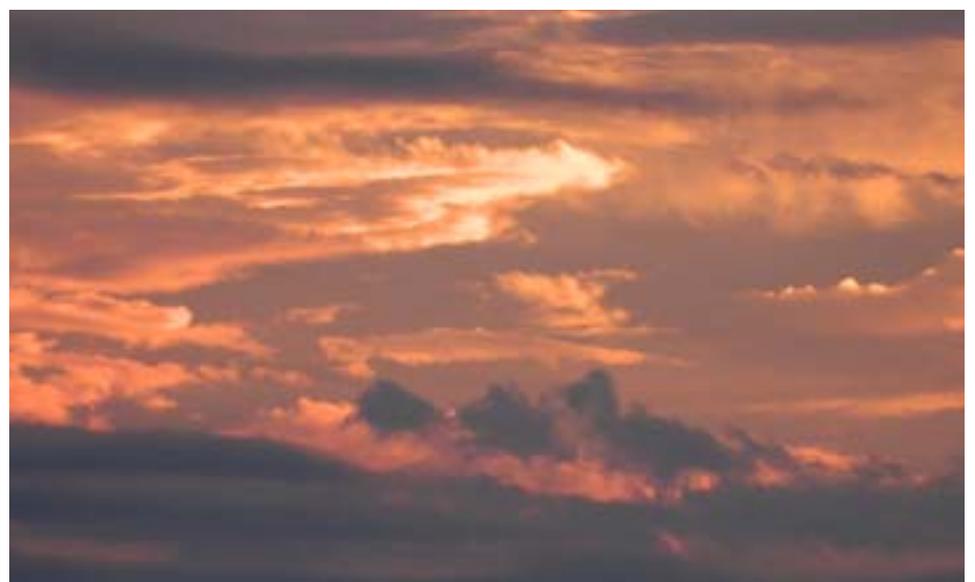
The South Central District 4-H Officers lead the flag-raising at the new flagpoles on the courtyard site.

District and State Officers assisted with the unveiling of the signs and plaque walls on the Courtyard.

The Juanita Ogburn Hudson and Mack Hudson 4-H Courtyard and Gardens recognizes and honors the family whose loyalty to 4-H and its ideals is unwavering after nearly seven decades.

## Our condolences to ...

**Tenita Bullard**, IT, on the October 16 passing of her mother-in-law Effie Mae Porter and to **Denise Locklear**, DSS, and **Vicki Locklear**, Tax, on the October 16 passing of their brother-in-law Ricky Locklear.



*Black and white does not do this photo justice. Taken by EMS Director Roylin Hammond, he reminds us Red Sky at Night, is a Sailor's Delight --- only one more month of Hurricane Season in 2011. Hammond captured the image of the red sky September 26, 2011.*