

# Scotland County

## Monthly



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A newsletter for Scotland County employees

## Gyles discovers connection to library

When Leon Gyles became Library Director three years ago, he had no idea he had a local connection to the Library. But he did, and he only stumbled across it last month.

While researching the Library's history for its upcoming 70th anniversary celebration Gyles found a photo of Kirk Oglesby, chairman of the building committee for the current structure on West Church Street.

"Kirk Oglesby is uncle to my wife Suzy," Gyles explained. "Kirk married Suzy's father's sister Bobbie, who is also Suzy's Godmother."

Gyles added, "Kirk was the Administrator for Scotland Memorial Hospital prior to accepting a similar position in Anderson, SC, around 1967."

Gyles made the connection while preparing poster boards about the library for its 70th birthday party.

The August 27 event at Scotland County Memorial Library made the celebration all the more significant for Gyles.

More than 100 citizens dropped in for cake and other refreshments. A pictorial account of the library's history, its supporters and employees through the years were on display.

In the late 1930s, the first public library in Scotland County was established by the 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 the first public library. Unfortunately, funds for new books and for better and more adequate quarters were lacking and the original library did not survive.

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## Delegation maintains positive relations with elected officials



**County Manager Kevin Patterson and Commissioner Carol McCall in Washington, D.C.**

The recent visit to Washington, D.C., by a delegation of Scotland County officials focused on relationship building, according to County Manager Kevin Patterson.

The group, who represented the interests of the County, City of Laurinburg, Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Community College and Scotland Health Care System, met personally with Representatives Larry Kissell and Renee Ellmers and with a staff member from Senator Burr's office.

Patterson explained, "We wanted to maintain the presence of Scotland County with our local legislators and cultivate our relationship with them so in the future, if we ask for something, they might return the favor."

Patterson said while there Kissell extended an invitation to a reverse trade mission he would be hosting at his Concord office with several business prospects from Turkey.

## SERVSAFE® course a plus for food service employees

Cooperative Extension and the Environmental Health Department will sponsor a SERVSAFE® Serving Safe Food training November 16 and 17.

Cost of the SERVSAFE course is \$110. Registration forms can be obtained at the Extension office. Deadline to submit registration forms and payment is Thursday, October 27.

Food Service employees will be trained, tested and certified in critical food safety practices and will be offered techniques for implementing effective food safety training in their own operations. Classes will be held 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the Cooperative Extension office, 231 E. Cronly Street. The exam will be given 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 21.

Participation in the seminar is recommended for food service managers and supervisory staff in restaurants, hospitals, schools, nursing homes and other food service establishments. SERVSAFE® Serving Safe Food is based on the nationally recognized course provided by the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association.

Seminar attendees will be trained and tested on topics such as potentially hazardous food and common food handling errors, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) system, proper receiving and storage and cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

An extra bonus for successful completion of the

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# News of Note

## Library celebrates 70 years

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### 4-H Summer Fun attracts more than 200 youth

Scotland County 2011 4-H Summer Fun was a success with 220 youth participating in 20 classes. Youth took trips to the NC Zoo, dairy farms and participated in other field excursions. In the photo 4-H'er Emma Houg takes her first sewing class as part of 4-H's Summer Fun series of workshops and trips



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

It was through the efforts of this group of citizens the first Scotland County Library opened on August 28, 1941. It 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 official 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.

It had an added distinction of being the first new library building erected in the State since World War II. In October 1967, built with \$80,000 in private donations, a \$92,000 federal grant and \$45,000 from the sale of its old building, the library opened in its current location at 312 West Church Street.

The 312 West Church Street building was designed to accommodate twice the number of books as the old facility, allow for additional research and study space and have a community room, which could handle a meeting of 50 people.

Scotland County Memorial Library is a full-service public library, offering most things featured in a city library, at a smaller scale. It also operates a bookmobile. When fully staffed, the library operates with six full-time employees.

For more information, call the library at 910-276-0563 or check out the website calendar at [www.scotlandcolibrary.com](http://www.scotlandcolibrary.com).

### the Birthday list for October

1 Elliott Brown (DSS); 3 Shannon Newton (Parks and Recreation) and Kathryn McMillan (DSS); 4 Timothy Haggans (Public Works); 5 Priscilla Bryant (Health); 7 Michael Sanders (EMS) and Glen Garris (Cooperative Extension); 8 Robert Bowen (Administration), James Thomas (Public Buildings), William A. Grant (Sheriff) and Bobby Lowery (DSS); 11 Linda Gibson (Health) and Roy Chavis (EMS); 13 William C. Grant (EMS), Jamie Hunt (Parks and Recreation) and Kim Brayboy (Tax); 17 Jenny Oxendine (EMS); 18 Russell Lester (EMS) and Darryl Locklear (DSS); 19 Marion Locklear (Sheriff); 21 Frances McLean (DSS); 22 Rachel Beach (Inspections) and Alicia Krout (Parks and Recreation); 23 Cory Baldwin (EMS) and Beverly Wranosky (DSS); 25 Debra Maske (Health); 26 Danny Sprouse (Health); 27 Charles Nichols (Administration) and Belinda Norton (Library); 28 Edna Sherrer (Health), Margaret Uncapher (Library) and Vicki Locklear (Tax); 29 Thomas Milligan (Inspections) and Carl Dawkins (Public Buildings); 31 Antonia Rainer (DSS).

### Permanent move slated for two voting precincts

Starting with the 2011 Municipal Elections there will be a permanent move with two precincts. Precinct 7 will move from the Wagram Fire Station at 24481 Marlboro Street to the Wagram Recreation Center at 24441 Marlboro Street. Precinct 10 will move from the Gibson Gym at 6241 Gibson Road to the Gibson Fire Station at 6280 Gibson Road.

### Flagpole dedication opens youth soccer season

Youth Soccer celebrated the opening of its 2011 season with the dedication of the new flagpoles donated by Bowling Eye Clinic. This year 388 youth, ages 4 to 13, are participating in the Recreation Soccer Program. This is the third year soccer is being played at the James L. Morgan Recreation Complex.

### Prescription discount cards save money for users

The number of prescriptions purchased using the NACo-sponsored Prescription Drug Discount Card program was 261 in August 2011, up from 234 in July 2011 but down from 335 prescriptions purchased in August 2010. The NACo program in cooperation with Caremark offered the best prices on 103 prescriptions in August 2011. Since Scotland County opted to participate in the program in September 2006, 17,372 prescriptions have been processed at participating pharmacies for a total price savings of nearly \$147,113 for customers. NACo discount prescription cards are available in English and in Spanish at the County administrative offices at 507 West Covington Street. Call or email Ann Kurtzman (277-3191// [akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org](mailto:akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org)) for more information or to pick up cards.

### Old Timey Fair registrations sought

Extension and Community Association (ECA) members are accepting entries for the Olde Timey Fair, which is held in conjunction with and on the grounds of the John Blue Cotton Festival. Brochures with registration information and a list of acceptable categories can be picked up at the Cooperative Extension office. Categories include horticulture, floral arrangements, handicrafts, clothing, food preservation, baked goods, arts, jewelry, holiday items and a miscellaneous designation. There is a youth division with similar categories. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded in each category. For further details, contact the Extension office 277-2422 or Juanita Bowen at 276-6835.

### Kindergartners get healthy choice lessons

4-H Youth EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program) is working with kindergartners at Covington Street Primary School on the importance of healthy food choices and increasing physical activity. The 58 youth in these classes are being introduced to healthier snacks such as trail mix, fruit salads and a variety of veggies.

## Service Thread goes solar



**Solar panels on the roof of Service Thread provide lease income for the company. Photo by Greg Icard, Economic Development**

Two solar PV projects on the roof of the Service Thread distribution facility were completed by Argand Energy Solutions of Charlotte.

Service Thread will receive a lease payment for otherwise unusable rooftop space. That means Service Thread had no out-of-pocket expenses and converted its rooftop into an income generating resource.

The first system is an 11kW addition to the company's existing 10 kW array, and the second is a new 250kW array, for which Service Thread is acting as host site by leasing their rooftop to a third party who will sell the renewable energy and credits to the Progress Energy Carolinas SunSense® Commercial PV program.

The lease income from the 250kW system helped to finance an 11kW system for Service Thread.

"We looked at developing a solar energy generation system on our 108,000-square-foot distribution center building as a way to reduce our power costs," said Jay Todd, Service Thread Chief Operating Officer.

Economic Developer Greg Icard said, "In addition to the solar array installed at the Service Thread warehouse, meetings were recently held with FCC, KORDSA, Meritor, Service Thread and Argand Energy Solutions to determine the possibility of installing rooftop solar systems to other industries in Scotland County."

"These efforts would help put Scotland County on a path to creating a Clean Tech Cluster," Icard explained. "There is great potential to have a significant amount of power generated from these systems, which enables companies already located in the County to become more competitive in their markets."

Icard added, "This adds an additional layer to the business attraction strategy as well as the business retention efforts on the part of Scotland County."

**2nd furlough day is Monday, October 10**

## Agencies get news to community

A new digital sign at the Government Complex on West Boulevard will function as a marketing, informational and educational tool for three County agencies.

The LED sign was funded with a \$26,000 Public Health and Preparedness grant. The top part of the sign was funded by DSS to fulfill a State requirement.

That part of the sign alerts the community to the location of the Health Department and Social Services agency.

Health Director Ron Sapp said the sign would be used for marketing, health promotion, community outreach, among other community communications.

Already, Public Health, Social Services and Emergency Services are disseminating information via the sign.

Since 2006, the County received \$282,000 in Public Health and Preparedness funds, and expenditures of the funds are very specific. Sapp said although purchase of the sign was on the list, it was saved for last.



**photo by Tommy Hatcher, EMS retired**

## Another Chairman photo located

Once Martha Norfleet located a photo of H.F. Monroe, former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners (1938-1948), one might say she was on a roll.

Tracking down a photo of Monroe was easier for Norfleet, Soil and Water Conservation, since he was her great uncle.

This time, Norfleet had to connect a few more dots to find someone likely to have a photo of former Chairman William G. Buie (1908-1912 and 1920-1924).

"I went to school in Wagram where the W.G. Buie Company was located," Norfleet said. "I remember the name because I associated it with a teacher I had whose last name was Buie."

According to Norfleet, the teacher's daughter, Celeste, also went to school in Wagram at that time. "I called Celeste and asked her if she was related to William G. Buie."

It turned out Celeste Buie is his niece. She gave the name and phone number of Buie's daughter, who lives in Raleigh, to Norfleet.

"His daughter agreed to send me photos with the stipulation that when we were through with them we send the originals back," Norfleet said.

Now that Buie's photos have been added to the gallery of Board of Commissioners at 507 West Covington Street, there are three Chairmen yet to be located. They are F.B. Gibson (1900-1902), John A. McKay (1902-1906) and William Franklin Wright (1906-1908).

## Our condolences to ...

**Betty Smith**, Health, on the September 4 passing of her brother James Smith, Jr., and to **Elfreda Chavis**, DSS, on the September 12 passing of her brother Terry Chavis.



**William G. Buie**

## 4-H celebrates its accomplishments

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 2 to 8. The annual celebration acknowledges the accomplishments of 4-H'ers in Scotland County, as well as recruit new youth and adults to 4-H programs.

It also celebrates the dedication and hard work by Scotland County 4-H'ers on numerous 4-H projects.

In 2011, Scotland County 4-H'ers, parents, club leaders and volunteers conducted a variety of programs ranging from fashion shows and community service to summer fun activities.

On Saturday, October 1, several 4-H youth and adults will volunteer with the Highland Games.

In response to the State 4-H theme, *Hungry to Help*, Scotland 4-H County Council will focus on hunger awareness by conducting a food drive throughout National 4-H Week.

Donations of canned goods and non-perishable foods for Church Community Services for the upcoming holiday season will be accepted at the Extension office or at the John Blue Cotton Festival.

Also during the John Blue Cotton Festival, Scotland County 4-H will hold a 4-H fashion show with garments made by the local 4-H sewing club.

If your family would like to become involved in the Scotland County 4-H program, contact the Cooperative Extension office at 277-2422.

## Safe food preparation course registration deadline is October 27

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course is the awarding of two points on the quarterly inspection form, increasing the food service business grade. To receive this credit, the person completing the course must be a manager or employee responsible for the operation of the establishment and must be employed full time in that establishment.

Evidence that the course has been completed must be maintained at the establishment. Establishments scoring less than 75 percent will not be eligible for this credit. For additional information, contact Scotland County Cooperative Extension at 910-277-2422.

## EMS learns safety procedures when helicopter is used for traumatic injury

When EMS held its most recent continuing education course, one that involved a helicopter, it attracted a group of enthusiastic spectators, and very young ones at that.

Each month, EMS participates in a minimum of three hours of continuing education classes. In years past, the classes were held at the EMS base on the last working day of month.

Although continuing education classes continue to be held the last working day of the month, the location of the classes is now at the Honeycutt Center at the new Richmond Community College campus because it is larger, better equipped for teaching and conveniently located for most staff.

Continuing education attendance has improved with the move to the RCC Scotland campus. EMS Director Roylin Hammond said, "This has created a win-win situation for both RCC and EMS. Classes are open to all EMS, Rescue, Fire and Law Enforcement personnel in need of continuing ed hours."



**Children from Presbyterian Day Care get a closer look at the Tar Heel 2 helicopter. Photo by Roylin Hammond, EMS**

Hammond added, "Classes vary in scope from Taser removal training, to CPR and AED training, to assessing trauma situations, to chemical suicide awareness."

The August training was conducted by Carolina Air Care, the air ambulance service from North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. The training dealt with safety procedures associated with landing a helicopter at the scene of a traumatic injury, usually an automobile accident.

Ron Cordova, a flight paramedic with Carolina Air Care, provided classroom safety instruction before Tar

Heel 2 landed across the street in Presbyterian Park for EMS staff to examine and become more familiar with its operation.

The education took an unplanned turn when the Presbyterian Day Care children saw the helicopter land. The Day Care Director asked and received permission for the children to come out and inspect the helicopter.

The Carolina Air Care crew was more than happy to accommodate the children. Every child got to enter one side of the helicopter and exit from the other side.

Tar Heel 2 is based in Fayetteville at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. It is the closest helicopter to Laurinburg and Scotland County. It takes between 18 to 25 minutes for it to arrive on a scene in Scotland County.

EMS recently conducted a hot load (the helicopter never shuts down while the patient is being loaded) of a building collapse trauma patient at the heli-pad at Scotland Memorial Hospital.

Tar Heel 2 was only on the ground seven minutes. The goal is to load and go in less than 10 minutes. Tar Heel 2 typically transports trauma patients to UNC Memorial in Chapel Hill.

Hammond said, "Scotland County residents are fortunate to have such a valuable resource based so close to our County."

## October events of interest

**1:** Scotland County Highland Games, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., John Blue Grounds



**8-9:** John Blue Cotton Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Correction

It should have been mentioned in the August 2011 News of Note that Richard Taylor, licensed barber and business owner of Taylor-Made Cuts on West Church Street, is the son of Ricky Taylor, Sheriff's Department.