

Week of January 28, 2008:

- Greg Weaver from the Administrative Office of the Courts was here on Monday to meet with Collin and me regarding the Clerk of Court phone system. We reviewed the items that the County needs to install so that the State can install the new phone system prior to the June 30th deadline. We have some minor items to accomplish and Collin is confident that we will have those items completed well before the deadline. We also discussed the Clerk of Court's eventual move to the Register of Deeds space and wiring that we will need complete before the move.
- I met with Gil Himebaugh, the new president of the SPCA, on Tuesday. The SPCA is planning an expansion to the office area at the Animal Shelter. We are currently reviewing the plans for the proposed expansion.
- We met with NC Monroe Construction on Tuesday to discuss the terms of them returning to work on the remedial items as well as new construction. Jim Schenck was here as well as Bobby Darden, Randell Woodruff, Sheriff Cartwright, Mike Cox and I. Most of the meeting involved the schedule for the work to be performed, inspection schedules, and the process for determining proposed repairs. We also discussed payments for subcontractors. Jim is in the process of drafting a letter to NC Monroe to officially lift the stop work order and detail the terms of their return to work.
- Attached is the land transfer tax report for January. Even though we were down substantially for the month of January, we are still up almost 6% for the year.
- Rodney Bunch and I attended the City & County Management Seminar in Durham this week. We left on Wednesday and returned today.
- The audio/visual project for Courtroom C was completed this week. We will be able to use the new system at Monday's Commissioner Meeting. Attached are some pictures of the new equipment. (click for pictures)
- We have received a grant to help with the purchase of the equipment for the upgrade to Channel 14. The equipment has been ordered and as soon as we receive the equipment, Time Warner will be able to install the equipment and relocate the channel to the Courthouse.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Board of Elections:

One-Stop voting begins, for the Special Municipal Election in the 3rd Ward, on Thursday, January 31, 2008, in the Board of Elections office. Voting will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

One-Stop will end on Saturday, February 16, at 1:00 pm. This will be the only Saturday available for voting One-Stop.

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

I received word of the company, American LaFrance, building the Weeksville mini-pumper, filing for bankruptcy. I checked online where Firehouse magazine had a question and answer session with them. This is a reorganizing project. I called our contact person there and he said he will know more on our truck status next week. The plant building the truck is being closed. The completion date is uncertain now until information comes out next week.

Cooperative Extension:

Family and Consumer Sciences

Color Me Healthy training was held for 25 child care providers

12 week series for Eat Smart Move More Weigh Less was started this week with 4 participants who would like to make some positive changes in their lives. Some want to lose weight while others are just trying to eat better. With this program you are set up with a buddy to help you reach your goals.

2 contacts were made for senior health insurance candidates.

Plans are underway for our annual child care conference which will be held on March 15

175 youth from 5 day care centers learned about healthy eating and eating smart

Parenting classes were held for 3 participants

4 home visits and duration calls were made to breast feeding mothers

Agriculture

45 attended a meeting entitled "Maximizing Soybean Profits"

Working on securing sponsors for the remainder of winter meetings set up for our area farmers

Answered questions about corn and soybean varieties

Plans were finalized for the Forklift Safety Training to be held on February 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ken Bateman's shop in Weeksville.

2 master gardener classes were held

12 seasonal workers participated in a pruning workshop

4-H

2 volunteer leaders are attending training in Raleigh this weekend to learn new ways to get youth involved in 4-H and to keep them involved

Wildlife Club met at the extension center with 8 members in attendance. The program was entitled "Turkey Calling"

4-H summer camp recruitment is continuing at all the local elementary schools. Summer camp will be held June 29 – July 4 at Betsy Jeff Penn in Reidsville, NC

Other

Saturday 14 youth traveled to Raleigh to participate in a judging contest held on the NC State Research Farm. There were 180 participants and Pasquotank 4-H Livestock Judging Team secured 1st place.

15 youth met on Tuesday to discuss upcoming plans for the Pasquotank 4-H Livestock Judging Team. There will be a BBQ chicken fundraiser held on February 22 at the Livestock Arena to help fund their annual livestock tour.

NC State has hired Dr. Hansen as the new animal husbandry specialist. He comes to us from Texas and began work in mid-January.

PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY:

On Monday, Feb. 4 at 6pm, please join the Library in observing the National African American Read-In. The African American Read-In is a project of the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, designed to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month through the public appreciation of works by Black authors.

Our guest readers are:

Mr. Matt Wood, Pasquotank County Commissioner

Mrs. Brenda Overton

Dr. Glenda Griffin, Member of the ECPPS Board of Education

Mr. Dale Forbes

Mrs. Jan King-Robinson

Mr. Tom Cherry

Ms. Elizabeth Ervi

Ms. Michelle Tschantre

Weekly Stats (Jan. 25th – 31st)

Total Patrons visiting the library = 3,334

Average number of patrons per day = 556

Total Items checked out = 3,811

Total number of Groups using the Community Room/Study Room = 3; total attendance = 10

Total number of faxes transmitted = 16

Total number of faxes received = 7

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