

## **Week of May 25, 2009:**

- This past week started with a holiday and ended with a golf tournament and retirement celebration in honor of Dollie Summerour. Dollie retired after 32 years of service to Pasquotank County in the Register of Deeds Office. She started her career as Deputy Register of Deeds, was later promoted to Assistant Register of Deeds and after Joe Spence's retirement, she was appointed as Register of Deeds in 1991. She went on to be re-elected to the post numerous times before her retirement. Approximately 200 friends, co-workers, family, elected officials and fellow Registers from across the State gathered to honor her on Friday. Dollie also won all of the awards from the golf tournament thanks to the rest of the teams being disqualified for various reasons. Pug determined the disqualifying factors. Dollie's staff also performed a musical number that was designed to make her stay on. Although the performance was extraordinary, it didn't work. We will miss her however, we wish her well in her retirement.
- Don't forget that the finance committee meeting has been moved to 3:00 pm on Monday. Immediately following the regular business, we will have a work session on the budget. Mike Etheridge will also be presenting the Solid Waste budget to the Board.
- We received a little bit of good news this week. Our third quarter lottery distribution will be \$183,767. Governor Perdue withheld our second quarter distribution and we were not sure if the third quarter would be distributed, however, it came through on Friday. This will help our fund balance for this fiscal year.

## **The following are reports from some of our other departments:**

# **Constituent Service Day**

Elizabeth City, N.C. – A staff member from Congressman G. K. Butterfield's office will be available to meet with constituents from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 2, at the Pasquotank-Camden Library, 100 E. Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City.

Butterfield invites anyone experiencing difficulties dealing with any federal issue or agency including the Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, Medicare, USDA and HUD. No appointment is necessary and people will be met on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Clerk to the Board:**

We had a very successful Bloodmobile this week with a total of 38 pints collected, one more than our goal of 37! Almost every county department was represented along with the Clerk of Court. Of the 43 individuals who signed in to donate blood 32 were either county or clerk of court employees. There was also participation by the Economic Development Commission and the Tourism Development Authority. We also had four first time donors. Thank you for helping us reach our goal. The American Red Cross would also like to thank you for your donation. Our next blood drive is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope we can count on you again!

## **Finance Office:**

The Finance Office received \$7,279.69 from the North Carolina Department of Revenue's debt setoff program on May 28th. The total for delinquent EMS bills was \$295.04. The next notification of debts setoff will be on June 11th.

## **Cooperative Extension:**

### **Agriculture**

Wheat scab was identified in Pasquotank County and the farmer was informed.

Recommendations on weed control in corn and soybeans was given to farmers

A soybean variety trial was installed which will feature 44 different varieties

One cabbage grower was advised about a decision which could save him \$16,000 in production costs and prevent \$30,000 in loses on this spring's cabbage acreage

Carried two entrepreneurs to a field day on cover crops for weed control and soil erosion prevention

Hosted the Albemarle Bonsai Club for a practical workshop.

Answered numerous calls about problems with lawns and gardens, snakes and planting.

## **Family and Consumer Sciences**

Eat smart move more was done for 9 classes at 7 different day care centers for 115 children

Three hours was spent with one senior helping her with medicare D

Eat Smart Move More was held at Virginia Dare and Harriot Heights Senior Center for 32 adults

## **4-H**

5 youth worked on presentations to prepare for District Activity Day.

6 classrooms with approximately 100 students learned about gardening, proper nutrition and exercise with the Kids in the Garden Program.

## **Other**

20 plus youth have been participating in a National Youth Study where youth from 25 states complete a two hur survey on-line about youth related issues.

The Don Baker Golf Tournament was held and over \$4000 was raised for the Don Baker Endowment. Also, the first ever \$ 500 Don Baker Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Moore who will be attending North Carolina State in the fall majoring in crop science.

Nixonton Ruritans held an event to recognize the winners, from their township, of the Albemarle 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.

A meeting was held to discuss the final plans for the WIA grant that we will receive. Pasquotank Cooperative Extension will receive 7 workers that will be placed throughout the county departments and the city from June 15 – August 15. This grant will provide the county with over \$ 15,000 in wages for youth in crisis.

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