

## **Week of October 27, 2008:**

- We passed a very important milestone with the Jail project this week. The Board approved a contract with Stewart Cooper Newell architects to complete the jail project. The new architect has reviewed all of the payment applications and we have paid the contractor all of the funds that had been withheld. They are also working on the design for the generator building and reviewing change orders. All of the paperwork has also been submitted to USDA for their approval.
- I attended another meeting of the Emergency Management Study Group in Raleigh this week. We completed our recommendations for the General Assembly and the final report will be circulated to County and City Managers throughout the state for review. The report will then be submitted to the appropriate legislative committee for drafting legislation.
- I met with Jeffrey Mills, Dean of the School of Business at ECSU this week to discuss potential internships for students. We also discussed economic development in the region and how the School of Business can help with those efforts.
- I met with Mike Cartwright and Bobby Swayne from the Intercounty Fire Department today to discuss their long range plans for the fire department.
- The Haunted House is continuing tonight and tomorrow night at the Old Middle School. All proceeds from the Haunted House go to the "Shop with a Cop" program.

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

### **Board of Elections:**

The Board of Elections remains extremely busy with early voting. As of this afternoon approximately 11,500 people had already voted out of 28,000 registered voters. The active voters number approximately 25,000, therefore approximately 46% of the active voters have already voted. The Board of Elections will be open until 5:00 pm tomorrow for early voting based on emergency action that was taken by the State Board of Elections yesterday.

### **Emergency Management:**

Pasquotank-Camden Emergency Management was host this week for one of three listening sessions scheduled by the Corps of Engineers and FEMA for assistance in the development of a Comprehensive Hurricane Emergency Management Strategy (CHEMS). The forums were used to introduce and/or propose new ideas and suggestions for program services provided through the National Hurricane Program (NHP), state and local partners. Through these listening sessions the NHP will solicit input and ideas for the development of the CHEMS and guide the development of appropriate tools and technical data needed by the NHP principal stakeholders – hurricane emergency management decision makers.

### **Clerk to the Board:**

We had an excellent blood drive on Wednesday with great participation by county and state employees, as well as employees from surrounding attorneys' and doctors' offices. We ended up with **47 pints** of blood donated, **10 pints above our goal of 37!** In addition, there were five deferrals and two who didn't fill the bag. We also had nine first-time donors. The Red Cross was very pleased with the turnout and asked that I thank all of you for participating. Thank you!

### **Cooperative Extension:**

#### **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

Classes were held at local daycare centers for youth on the eat smart move more initiative

Several breastfeeding moms were contacted by referrals, home visits or through duration and follow up calls.

EFNEP made 4 home visits

EFNEP had a booth at the Health Fair that was held at Elizabeth City State University

A class was held at ECSU on “Fix It Fast – Eat at Home” quick and nutritious meals

### **AGRICULTURE**

Wheat variety trial was planted

Did classes at Northside on pumpkins and cotton

Took soybean rust test on the soybean sentinel test plot

Kids in the Garden planning session for the upcoming year

### **4-H**

4 classes at Pasquotank Elementary learned about Vericomposting which will continue for 4 months

Kids in the Garden pre tests were delivered to the schools.

Afterschool programs were held for over 160 students

### **OTHER**

Livestock Endowment Meeting was held where Leon Brickhouse was recognized for the endowment that has been established in his name.

Pasquotank Youth Council met on “Youth Voting”. They will be helping out at the polls on Tuesday and also students will be doing a mock election at Pasquotank High School.

Livestock Judging Team will be traveling to Rocky Mount on Saturday to begin training for the upcoming contest year.

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