



Union UPDATE

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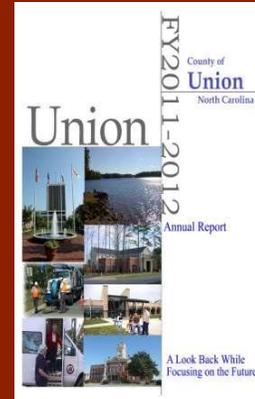


Get the Library's Monthly Program Guide

FY 2011-2012 Annual Report is Online

The Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 Union County Annual Report is now available online at www.co.union.nc.us under News.

The 16-page Annual Report highlights the accomplishments of Union County government from July 2011 - June 2012 and takes a look forward to what the County plans to accomplish in Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013.



Medicine Drop Goes Year-Round

The Union County Sheriff's Office and CMC-Union Safe Kids have installed three medicine drop boxes for citizens of Union County to discard their unwanted or expired medications.



The Union County Sheriff's Office, local police departments and CMC-Union Safe Kids recognized a need for these medicine drop boxes to keep unwanted or expired medications from being discarded in our water system and to keep potentially dangerous medication from getting into the hands of children. The three boxes were purchased and donated by CMC-Union Safe Kids.

"These boxes help make our community safer by reducing pollution and eliminating a potential source of accidental poisoning in the home," said Sheriff Eddie Cathey.

From October 2011 through October 2012, the Union County Sheriff's Office, local police departments and CMC-Union Safe Kids have collected 1,150,000 dosage units of unwanted or expired medication. Local law enforcement agencies participating in Operation Medicine Drop include the Sheriff's Office and the Monroe, Stallings, Waxhaw and Wingate police departments.

The three Operation Medicine Drop locations are:

Sign up to receive the Union

County Public Library's monthly program guide via your email by contacting Shelley Fearn, Reader's Services Librarian, at sfearn@union.lib.nc.us.



Adult Tutors Needed

We seek compassionate volunteers!

Would you consider tutoring an adult learner? Take the first step by attending Literacy Council 101 on one of these dates:

Nov. 13 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dec. 6 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information, contact the Literacy Council of Union County at 704-226-1425 or email info@literacyunion.org

www.literacyunion.org

- Union County Sheriff's Office, 3344 Presson Road in Monroe. Access to this medicine drop box is 24 hours. The medicine drop box is located in the front lobby of the Union County Sheriff's Office.
- Union County Sheriff's Office satellite facility in Indian Trail at 109 Navajo Trail. Access to this medicine drop box will be during office hours: Monday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Union County Sheriff's Office satellite facility at Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department at 315 Waxhaw Indian Trail Road. Access to this medicine drop box will be during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Discarded medication should be in some type of container. Citizens may leave the medication in the pill bottles or place them in reusable, re-sealable zipper storage bags.

Purchase Handgun Permits Online

Sheriff Eddie Cathey and the Union County Sheriff's Office, in an ongoing effort to improve efficiency and provide better customer service to the citizens of Union County, announce that a new online order and payment system to purchase handgun permits will go into effect on Oct. 29.

The new system will provide the following features to those applying for gun permits:

- Applicants can apply and pay for gun permits online using all major credit cards or electronic check. If the applicant wants to pay by cash, they can present the cash in person at 3344 Presson Road in Monroe between the hours of 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday - Friday.
- Applicants are notified of the receipt of their online application, the need for additional documentation and the issuance or denial of the permit via automated emails.
- All orders are given a unique order number to help with reference and tracking.
- Applicants can log into the Sheriff's website and check the status of their order using their order number, email address and password (created by the applicant during the application process).
- Once the application is approved, the applicant must pick up the permit(s) in person at the Sheriff's Office between the hours of 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday - Friday.
- The applicant must present his/her valid NC issued photo ID such as a driver's license or ID card which matches the name and address provided on the application.

The online handgun purchase permit system can be located at www.ucso.us. Applicants should click on the link titled "Gun Permits" on the left side of the page. There will be a link which takes applicants to the web page where they can easily complete the online application.

The Sheriff's Office will no longer accept paper applications post marked or presented after Monday, Oct. 29. All paper applications received prior to Monday, Oct. 29 will be processed under the old

system, however online tracking and email notifications will not be available. Paper applications received after this date will be returned to the applicant for entry into the online system.

The Union County Sheriff's Office hopes this new system will streamline the permit process and reduce the public's need to travel to the Sheriff's Office multiple times to apply for a handgun permit and to place follow-up phone calls to check the status of their application.

Taylor M. Polites to Speak at Friends' Fall Dinner

The Friends of the Union County Public Library will host their annual Fall Author Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at the South Piedmont Community College Conference Center in Monroe. The featured speaker is author Taylor M. Polites.



Polites is the author of *The Rebel Wife*, a novel published by Simon and Schuster in September 2012. In their review, *Publisher's Weekly* said, "Polites' debut offers a richly detailed portrait of Reconstruction-era South Carolina." Polites lives in Providence, Rhode Island and received his MFA in Creative Writing from Wilkes University.

The annual Fall Author Dinner is the major fund raiser for the Friends of the Union County Public Library. The Friends fund the Summer Reading Program for children and teens as well as other programs throughout the year. During the Summer Reading Program in 2012, 8,204 children and 260 teens attended programs paid for by the Friends of the Union County Public Library.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from any Friends of the Union County Library board member, by calling Renee Hottle at 740-907-9190 or by emailing her at rahottle@hotmail.com. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. The author will be signing copies at the end of the program.

Vote for Union County's Drug Treatment Court Foundation

Union County's Drug Treatment Court Foundation is participating in Citgo's Fueling Good contest. Citgo is giving away \$120,000 in gas prizes to 24 charities this year.

DWI Court has operated successfully in Union County since 2010

and has rehabilitated, treated, and integrated individuals back into society through a very detailed and effective treatment program. The DWI Court relies on strong and positive partners within the community to help achieve these goals as a team effort.

Eighty percent of criminal offenders in North Carolina have drug or alcohol-related addictions. Treatment and rehabilitation is a fraction of the cost of incarceration. Without the DWI Court, these individuals go untreated, go back into society and go without the necessary steps for successful recovery.

Citgo cards will serve as motivation for the individuals as they take strides toward recovery and ultimately give back to the community where they live. The individuals can give the cards to others who support them through the process, or save them to use when they are successfully recovered.

To vote for Union County's DWI Court, go to <http://www.fuelinggood.com/rewardingood?id=1328544>.

Court Grants Union County Motion for Summary Judgment, Dismissing Jay Brown's Case Against County

Superior Court Judge Tanya T. Wallace on Friday, Oct. 19 issued an order granting Union County's motion for summary judgment and dismissed Jay Brown's lawsuit against Union County over operation of the Cross Creek Ranch.

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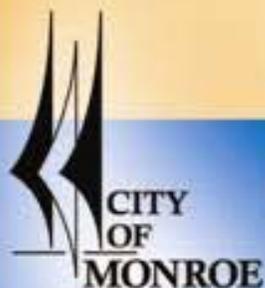
The Stranger

"THE BILLY JOEL ULTIMATE TRIBUTE BAND"

 **October
25th** 

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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