



**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area  
Chamber of Commerce**

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## **Candidates to Share Agendas, Platforms at Forum**

Candidates for many of Scotland County's hottest contended political races will be answering questions from the public at the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce's Candidates Forum. The forum is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Scotland County Courthouse. Sandy Callan, news director for WLNC Hometown Radio, will serve as the moderator.

The forum will give voters a chance to get to know their candidates before going to the polls. "We've had a lot of success with this forum," said Matt Kendall, chamber program director. "Many times when going to vote, we just see names on paper, and can't put a face or voice to our candidates. This way, the public can meet the candidates for key races in one setting, ask questions that are on everyone's minds, and find out what our candidates can do for Scotland County."

Candidates competing for several offices will be in attendance. Those races include US House District 8, county commissioners for Spring Hill and the Stewartsville Township, Scotland County sheriff, clerk of superior court and school board for the at-large and Stewartsville Township seats.

Broken down by office for which they're running, candidates will each have three minutes to make an opening statement. Afterward, audience members may address questions to specific candidates or to the entire panel. Before asking their questions, audience members must state their name and where they live; only residents of Scotland County are allowed to address the candidates. A candidate will have two minutes to answer. Questions that have been answered or are deemed irrelevant to the office will be dismissed by the moderator.

"We're expecting a large turnout for this forum since we have so many offices up for election," Kendall said. "The courtroom will probably fill up to standing room only, so make sure to arrive early." The forum is sponsored in part by the Junior Service League and the Extension & Community Association County Council. For more information, call the chamber at 276-7420.

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