



Downtown Laurinburg Rings in the Christmas Season

While no season is slow, the fall is a particularly busy season at the Laurinburg/Scotland County Chamber of Commerce. From a “Chamber Fly-In” to Washington D.C., to meet with our elected officials, to hosting local political forums, to the annual “Chamber on the Half Shell Oyster Roast” held November 12th, the Chamber is in constant motion.

This whirlwind time comes to a close as the Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation present the annual “Christmas on Main.” Described as, “The Granddaddy of the Downtown events,” Christmas on Main will be held from 1:00 - 5:00 on Sunday, November 20th . The event is where “sales” meets “celebration”. In addition to the local shops kicking of with sales inside their shops, the street turns into an entertainment stage as the downtown area becomes a single mall to start the Christmas season. The day will conclude at 5:30 with the lighting of the Downtown Christmas Tree.

This year's event will include the Christmas train, bouncy ball stations, a petting zoo, live music, dance exhibitions, a food court and, of course, Santa will be on hand to meet, greet and have his photo taken.

The Christmas season celebration continues two weeks later on December 4th at 2:00 when the Chamber presents one of the largest Christmas parades in the region. Come take in the sights, sounds and joy of the Christmas season with neighbors and friends.

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St. Andrews University – New School Year

The new academic year at St. Andrews University opened earlier this fall with the arrival of the largest first-year class in over a decade as 250 new students from over 15 countries and more than 20 different states came on campus. As part of the class, the university welcomed over 60 students that will anchor the inaugural varsity football team next fall.

The university announced in February it would be adding football to its extensive athletic line-up starting in 2017. According to Athletic Director Glenn Batten it was time to bring football on campus. "We had added virtually every sport you could add in the past 10 years, except for football," Batten said. "Of all the sports there has been more excitement about football. I think part of that is because this is such a football community. We long expected we would have a positive reaction, but it's been a little overwhelming. We're a year away and I've already having people calling about season tickets."

The University has broken ground on building a comprehensive field to host football and other sports (e.g., soccer). Games will begin next fall with all home games being played on Saturdays at 1:30.

Athletic Teams Achieving Early Success

With the new class on site, it is not surprising that the campus is bustling with athletic activity.

Although early in the scholastic and athletic year, honors are already coming in. The Equestrian team won its IHSA Hunter Seat opener, defeating NC State, Duke, UNC and a host of others. The Dressage team came out of the gate with a 2nd place finish. Both teams continue their season with a heavy slate of events in November.

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On the pitch, the athletic season at St. Andrews is beginning to wind down, so now is a perfect time to reflect on the competition their as well. The men’s soccer team has struggled to a 6-9 season, but the women have battled to a 10-5 mark. Both teams await the AAC Tournament.



Off the field and in the woods, the men and women’s cross-country teams are completing their seasons as well. The Men have posted a pair of 2nds to highlight the season. The teams were heading west for the conference meet as we went to press.

The Men and Women’s golf teams both posted string fall results. The Women’s team marched to two 1st place finishes, a pair of 2nd place finishes and two 3rd place finishes. Not to be outclassed, the Men’s team also posted a pair of runner-up finishes and two 3rd place finishes.

And on the court, the women’s volleyball team posted probably the strongest season of all the teams with an overall 20-13 mark which included a 15-7 conference record. The team travels to Kingsport, TN for the conference tournament on November 10th. Good Luck Ladies!!



All in all, a great start to the athletic season. With men’s and women’s basketball and wrestling just getting underway, the winter season also looks like it will be thrilling. Follow the Knights all year as they battle for their school and town.

You can follow all the events and sports for St. Andrews at www.sa.edu



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Laurinburg Welcomes Our Visitors

The City of Laurinburg and Scotland County look forward to welcoming you to our community and showing our Southern hospitality. For more information on where to stay, please visit the Scotland County Tourism Web site at www.visitnc-soul.com

Hotels

Comfort Inn	910-277-7788	Pine Acres Lodge	910-276-1531
Hampton Inn	910-277-1516	Quality Inn	910-277-0080
Holiday Inn Express	910-291-3300	Scotland Inn	910-276-0632
Oasis RV Park	910-266-8372	Thomas Walton B&B	910-276-0551

Casual Dining

215 on Main	910-361-4474
Captain Larry's Seafood House	910-276-1880
Champs Fine Food and Spirits	910-276-4386
Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano	910-276-0032
Sweet Expressions / Gill House	910-506-2126
The Main Table	910-361-4273
Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille	910-276-6632

Quick Serve Dining

Dawg Haus Express	910-277-9303	Great Wall Chinese Food	910-276-9199
General McArthur's	910-276-1498	Jin Jin Chinese Food	910-277-1616
Golden Corral	910-277-1620	Little Fuji Grill	910-277-9922
Greek Village	910-277-7700	Miyako	910-506-4081
Jerry's Deli and Grill	910-266-9020	Taki Japanese Restaurant	910-291-9908
Huddle House	910-610-4100	Jesse's Pizza & Hot Sub	910-277-8538
Smithfield's Bar-B-Q	910-266-8700	Pizza Hut	910-276-1770
Waffle House	910-277-9259	Pizza Inn	910-276-6565
China Garden	910-266-8885	Moe's Chicken	910-506-2325
Golden Run	910-277-7734		