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Oops, no ballot for sales tax referendum

Voters may have to wait until 2016 to vote on sales tax increase for high school

By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

North Carolina elections law might keep a proposed halfcent sales tax increase for Hoke County school construction off the table until 2016, unless Gov. Pat

McCrory moves ahead with an unrelated proposal that could go before voters this November.

There is no countywide election scheduled for Hoke County this year, meaning there is no existing ballot for county residents to vote on the proposed half-cent sales tax

increase. The county would have to create a ballot and pay to open county polling sites for the purpose of having citizens vote on the sales tax referendum, which goes against state law.

Under state General Statute 163-287, "Special elections; pro-

cedure for calling," section (a), a county can only call for a special election to be held "at the same time as any other State or county general election," or "at the same time as any other election requiring all the precincts in the county to be open."

When asked about the issue, State Rep. Garland Pierce said that under the statute, the referendum apparently cannot go to a vote until 2016.

"It's got to be on the ballot with the general election. It would not (See BALLOT, page 4A)

Tournament champs

The Hoke High Lady Bucks softball team captured its first ever tournament championship in the Robeson County Slugfest Easter Tournament last week in St. Pauls. The Bucks defeated Lumberton 14-6. See story, page 7A. (Hal Nunn

Residency prompts suspension of chief

By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

Raeford Police Chief Kemp Crumpler was suspended from his job for a week in February as disciplinary action for an internal matter, according to Raeford City Manager Dennis Baxley.

The suspension was in regards to an internal issue and not any sort of external complaint from the public, the city manager said.

"He's got a good file, he's a good employee," Baxley said.

The chief said that the suspension was due to a residency requirement.

"There was a suspension and it had to do with a residency requirement," he said. The police chief declined

to go into greater detail about the situation. "I won't go into any detail

other than that out of respect for this office, out of respect (See CHIEF, page 3A)

Bust nets \$340,000 in pot

Investigators with



Sheriff's Office arrested a man Saturday after

Sheriff's

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finding more than 400 marijuana plants in his possession.

Authorities arrested Halbert Lee Locklear, 64, of the 2100 block of Hall Road in Shannon on charges of possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver

(See BUST, page 8A)

Neighbor arrested in break-ins



man want-Warfield ed in connection with multiple breakins in the Smokey Mountain

Depu-Drive neighborhood. ties with Law enforcement charged the Hoke William Warfield, 26, of the County

200 block of Smokey Mountain Drive with first-degree burglary, felony larceny, three counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, three counts of misdemeanor larceny and one count of felony

(See BREAK-INS, page 6A)

'Wonderful Women of Hoke' class of 2015 picked This Week

Man arrested in 2013 assault

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Commissioner Harry Southerland with some of the awardees, including Gwendolyn Quick (left to right), Brenda Lawlor, Carol Jacobs-Goins, Eunice Ann Locklear and Glendia Black-Flippin.

By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

Hoke County celebrated some of its 'Wonderful Women" this month at the annual "Wonderful Women of Hoke" reception for winners and their families.

The program, started several years ago by librarian Lynette Dial, recognizes the contributions of some of the many women volunteers and influential figures in the community.

"On behalf of Hoke County, we are very proud to have such women in our community," presenter Commissioner Harry Southerland said.

Women are "the muscle of what we are about as Americans," he said during the ceremony.

This year's class included Glendia Black-Flippin, Carol Jacobs Goins, Gwendolyn M. Quick, Brenda Lawlor, Marilyn S. Bell, Eunice Ann Locklear, Marie Daniels and Shirley T. Gibson.

Black-Flippin, the youngest of nine children, was born and raised in Bowmore. She graduated from North Carolina (See WOMEN, page 8A)

OTHER STLFF

Do a little dance, show a little love

I have to have my music. Always been that way. Fortunately, technology has reduced music set-up time to nearly nil from the days when I had to move a turntable, amplifier and speakers (and records) to a worksite, often the kitchen when I was a teen—where I had to wash the Sunday lunch dishes.

Now I have a Jawbone Big Jam Box, a wireless rechargeable 10-inch brick. It may be small, but it sounds pretty good. On youth group trips, we take turns pairing our iPhones with it while riding in the van, giving each youth a chance to play deejay.

You can throw that puppy in a suitcase too, and take it (See OTHER STUFF, page 4A)



Elizabeth takes a break from building her house to dance

Man charged with rape Investi-



Locklear

the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested a man last week for

allegedly raping a woman. Authorities arrested Donte Locklear, 23, of the 200 block of Cox Road in Raeford on (See RAPE, page 5A)

Public access to records, meetings important

A recent poll about North Carolinaresidents' opinions about public records and access to government information yielded disturbing

It came from Elon University and was released before "Sunshine Week" in March, a time dedicated every year to the importance of open government and freedom of

The Elon poll found that 62 percent of North Carolinians aren't aware that "sunshine laws" exist here to require governments to make their records available for public inspection, with few exceptions. And only two-thirds of those surveyed believe it is important for people to be able to get documents they want from the government. Also, just 69 percent said they believe all government meetings should be open to the public.

"Sunshine laws are foundational in a democracy because they provide the path for citizens to inform themselves about their government," said Jonathan Jones, director of the N.C. Open Government Coalition, in a statement accompanying the poll. "These poll results show that a great deal of work remains to educate North Carolinians about their right to know how their governments and elected leaders do business."

The poll numbers cited above are scary for any number of reasons. Here's one:

Media members get press releases every day from the gover-



nor's office, state legislators, state agencies and other taxpayer-funded organizations. Most of us know better than to simply take them and put them online, in the paper or on TV without scrutinizing them and ensuring accuracy and appropriate

Releases range from well written and thorough to misleading or even false in some instances. If we had to rely solely on what politicians and state bureaucrats told us, we would seldom get a full, accurate picture. They're likely not going to volunteer what they don't want you to know.

For example, state Senate leader Phil Berger's office recently sent out a news release lauding the passage of a compromise between the House and Senate on various tax-related changes, including the stabilization of the gas tax. The release also pointed out that the compromise includes a tax deduction for teachers who buy classroom supplies out of their own pockets.

But it didn't mention the more controversial aspects of that legislation. One provision requires homeowners who have debt forgiven by a mortgage lender as a way to avoid foreclosure to pay state taxes on that forgiven debt. In other words, if a homeowner received \$20,000

in mortgage principal forgiveness, he or she would have to pay \$1,160 in additional taxes, based on the state's individual income tax rate of 5.8 percent, The Charlotte Observer reported. Some opponents criticized that as "kicking a man while he's down."

Also recently, Gov. Pat McCrory's office sent out a news release about his signing of legislation that "will provide added environmental" protections for our state." That might have been true for parts of the bill, but the release also included somewhat misleading information about a section that some legislators and environmental groups believe could end up harming the environment.

The press release noted that the law "clarifies" that the Environmental Management Commission has the authority to make additional rules "if necessary" to address possible air pollution from hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. It did not mention that the former law would have required the commission to make additional air quality rules to address possible effects of fracking. The press release was headlined, "Governor McCrory Signs Legislation Strengthening Environmental Protections."

Do you trust government agencies to accurately tell you what they're doing? You probably

That's one of many reasons why public access to government records and meetings is so important.

N.C. religious freedom bills permit discrimination

By George Reed

Discussions in recent weeks of so-called religious freedom bills in Indiana, Arkansas, and now North Carolina raise issues - both legal and pastoral - which the N.C. Council of Churches has been addressing for many years.

The first words of the Bill of Rights are the religious liberty clauses: "Congress shall make no law regarding the establishment of religion nor prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The so-called Free Exercise Clause prohibits government from interfering in the practice of religion.

But constitutional rights are not absolute. So, for example, in the 1870s, the courts ruled that Mormons could believe that they were called to practice polygamy, but federal laws banning polygamy trumped the practice of polygamy even though based on sincerely held beliefs.

Overthe years, the U.S. Supreme Court established a standard for Free Exercise cases: Government could "substantially burden" someone's practice of their faith only if there were a "compelling state interest" in doing so and if the limitation being

imposed was the "least restrictive" manner of achieving that interest.

In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court replaced that standard with a much less restrictive one, i.e., it made it much easier for the state to infringe on people's free exercise of religion. In response, Congress passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), which did nothing more than restore the standards of substantial burden, compelling state interest, and least restrictive manner.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Congress couldn't make the standards applicable to the states, (See RELIGIOUS, page 5A)

We Get Letters

We ask commissioners to fend for children

To the Editor:

An old saying—history forgotten repeats itself; to the citizens and taxpayers of Hoke County, we now again know the facts on private roads in Hoke County. If I may add that those same facts have echoed in our private road community for more than 20 years by our county commissioners. It's also a fact that we were told that the private road was a private matter between homeowners and developers. We were told that our concerns were a civil matter and we, as taxpayers, should consider a civil suit against our developer. We also were told by the former county manager that part of our private road was sold by the developer for the new countywide water line system in our com- think ahead. Taxpayers, you are

munity without our knowledge or consent of the sale or terms by the developer or county officials or who would maintain that side of the private road again. The county takes no responsibility for that side of the private road where the county water line is located. There is a gross amount of soil erosion over the water line along the entire private road. To this day, washed out water lines are present. Maybe those dirty down-south dirt roads do not matter, or the citizens that live along them. Again, the value of that countywide infrastructure system does. And the declining value of our homes and businesses matter. Our goals, as citizens and residents of those private roads, are clear and simple. We must

in charge. Our children and grandchildren deserve better. We ask again for our elected officials to seek ways to enrich our children's future here in Hoke County. We ask our children to be at their best. We ask of our elected officials their best in governing this county to promote our schools, job training, public safety, after school mentor programs, youth wellness programs, and, above all, boys' and girls' club building for all children of Hoke County. For the record, two of our elected officials are again up for your reelection again. Surprise! We are working hard as taxpayers in keeping your trust. Thank you!

Lonnie Baldwin

Stoneybrook is all about the hats

As I look at my still-brown lawn, I would swear it is normally green by this time of the year. The dogwoods are coming into their full glory, but the azaleas still sleep. In spite of this, the running of the Stoneybrook Steeplechase on April 4 announced that spring is here. As we annually prepare for this great outdoor event, the weather is always in question. In the early days of Stoneybrook at its Hoke County location, the weather was consistently bad. If it wasn't rainy and cold, it was uncomfortably windy. We were afraid that the location was jinxed, as the weather had always been perfect when the event was held in Southern Pines. I can now safely say that this is not the case. We have had several good years in a row and this year was no exception.

Our son Riley had come down from Greensboro to do some work for me, namely repainting the wooden pasture fence that he had painted 15 years ago. We left him with the paint and the good weather as we headed off to the park.

All things must evolve but I was a little surprised that Stoneybrook has now gone to e-tickets instead of the printed tickets of the past. This predictably created a good bit of confusion. Brother Rusty and sister-in-law Barbara decided to buy their tickets at the event and had to wait at the ticket desk forever as the untrained volunteer staff struggled with the computer connection needed to print the e-tickets. Once this was



done, the parking attendant who checks the tickets was totally confused, thinking they had already entered the park. Thankfully, she let it slide, perhaps when she saw the look of frustration on my face. I am sure there was a good reason for the change, although there were several people I saw who got in the park free. I have an idea the staff partially gave up. They will be better prepared next year.

The regular readers of this column will remember last year's rant brought on by Charlotte's entry into the Stoneybrook hat contest. I had helped her construct a fabulous hat that was totally ignored in the confusion of the event. Her "best hat in the contest" didn't even win third place in her category. I had proclaimed that I was done with the hat contest after that. Well, of course, done doesn't really mean done, and Charlotte planned to enter again this year. This year's model was composed of many vintage hats piled up on a lampshade and adorned with some ribbons, decorative netting and accompanied with a sign reading "It's all about the hats, 'bout the hats", mimicking the popular song about the bass. I gave in and helped her tie all these hats together and found myself, once again, in the middle of the contest waiting and waiting for the judging. I will

admit that the contest was run a little more smoothly this year, but it was still mass confusion. There were some great hats, but the field was not as spectacular as last year, probably because many of last year's contestants had also gotten disgusted with it.

After all the dust had settled, Charlotte won third place in her category. Once again, I was totally baffled by the winner, whose hat was possibly the least impressive in the category. Maybe it's just me!

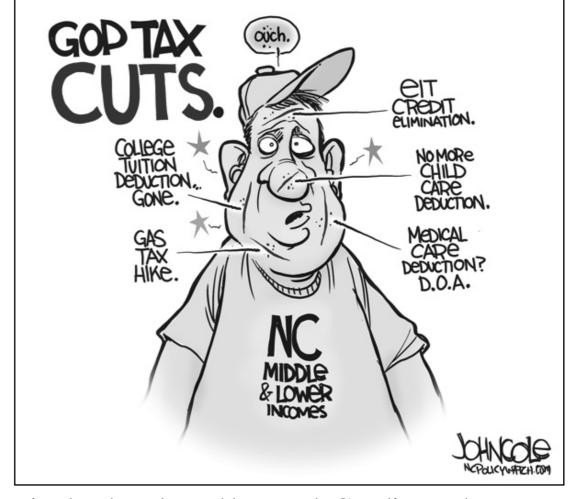
Once that was over, we were able to enjoy the day. Our parking space is always a magnet for friends in attendance and we spread out, annexing the adjoining open space as if it was ours. Leaving Rusty with grill duty, we were able to stroll around the park a little. This is always fun, seeing old friends and running into unexpected people while borrowing food and drinks from the spreads of others. Generosity is almost taken for granted at Stoneybrook.

The races were run without the disturbing falling horses of last year. They must have filled a low spot that was tripping them.

The next morning, the phone rang fairly early. Our friend Robin Anselmini called to inform Charlotte that she was pictured in full glory in her hat on the front page of one section of The Fayetteville Observer. It seems that photographers have a better eye for hats than judges do. I'm not saying anything about my involvement in next year's contest. What good would it do!

More later.

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Five books released by North Carolina authors

Here are five recent books, starting with a novel featuring a thinly disguised Jesse Helms, by North Carolina authors to put on your bedside reading table.

What is it really like to be the top aide to a powerful North Carolina senator, one who is much loved and much hated for his strong uncompromising views on heated issues, a senator who is running for reelection against a popular governor with a full war



chest of campaign funds?

The Hunt-Helms race is obviously the model for the campaign chronicled in "Billy Bowater" by Winston-Salem civic leader E.C. Hanes. The book's Jesse Helms

figure is Billy's boss, Wiley Grace Hoots, a cherished and reviled incumbent senator.

"Billy Bowater" is fiction. But Hanes provides a realistic behind-the-scenes view of a hardfought campaign. (Hanes will be the guest on UNC-TVs North Carolina Bookwatch at noon on Sunday, April 26, and at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 30.)

> N.C. State Professor Cat War-(See MARTIN, page 5A)

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Dbituaries

Linda S. Tedder

Linda Saunders Tedder of Red Springs died Saturday, April 11, 2015 at her home at the age of 61.

She was born on September 24, 1953 in Scotland County to the late James Alex Saunders and Retha English Saunders.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry D. Tedder and two grandchildren, Julia and Justin Dial. She was a very loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Tedder of Red Springs; three sons, James Tedder and wife Sandy of Raeford, Toby Tedder and wife Cassie of Hope Mills, and Gary Tedder of Brooklyn, New York; a brother, Carl Saunders and wife Linda of Long Island, New York; three sisters, Helen Caulder of Raeford, JoAnn Goins and husband Floyd of Red Springs, and Patsy Locklear of Raeford; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 at Crumpler Funeral Home, 220 East 4th Avenue, Red Springs.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at Temple Baptist Church, Hwy. 211, Red Springs with Pastor Floyd Goins officiating. Burial will be in the Saunders Family Cemetery, Cope Road, Red Springs.

Clara B. Frierson

Clara B. Frierson, 97, of 660 Scott Currie Road died Monday, April 6, 2015.

Survivors include her daughter, Andremeda Cagle; sons, Willie, Rogers and Kennedy; six grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren; and a great-greatgrandchild.

The funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12 in Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Highland

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.....US 401

.....S. Main St.

Biblical Gardens.

Jimmy L. Michael

Jimmy Lewis Michael, 52, of Pinebluff died Monday April 6, 2015 at his home.

He was born in Moore County on July 27, 1962 to the late John and Betty Fields Michael. He was owner and operator of Michael's Electric in Pinebluff and was formerly employed with Lowe's in Fayetteville.

Survivors include two sisters, Rhonda Kennedy (Michael) and Sandy Bureau (Craig); two brothers, Jerry Michael (Phyzzie) and Larry Michael; and four nieces, Jennifer Bureau, Michelle Bureau, Lisa Kennedy and Larie

A private memorial service will be held later.

Ellen Hubbard

Ellen "Susie" Hubbard of Raeford died Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the age of 73.

She was born in Cumberland County on November 7, 1941 to the late Lee Roy Sherman Sr. and Roxie Mae Hill Sherman. She was preceded in death by her son, Willie C. Hubbard Jr. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Willie C. Hubbard Sr. of Raeford; her son, John C. Hubbard of Eastover; her daughter, Angel Rose Croyle (Kevin) of Fayetteville; her sisters, Dorothy Finley (Larry) of West End, Mary Couch (Charles) of Fayetteville, and Hilda Parker (Robert) of Fayetteville; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 13 in LaFayette Memorial Park West on Raeford Road in Fayetteville.

Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneral-

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Three council seats up this year

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

Raeford voters will decide this fall who will represent them on the Raeford City Council for the next four years.

Three council seats are up for election this year. The seats currently occupied by incumbents Robert "Bobby" Conoly, John Jordan and Mary Neil King are up for election. The other two board members who are not up for election this year are Charles Allen and Wayne Willis.

Conoly, Jordan and King did not face any opponents in the 2011 election, which had a small voter turnout. Municipal election years typically see lower voter participation than years that have a presidential or midterm election. The candidates each received fewer than 130 votes in the 2011 uncontested race.

The filing period for the three

city council seats is set to begin at 8 a.m. July 6 and will end at 12 p.m. July 17. One-stop voting will run from Thursday, October 22 through Saturday, October 31. Election Day is set for Tuesday, November 3.

The city council is nonpartisan, meaning there will not be a primary election for the race.

There are no county positions up for election this year.

Next year, the Hoke County

Board of Commissioners seats occupied by Commission Chairman James Leach and Commissioner Bobby Wright and the Board of Education seats occupied by members Hank Richards and Rosa McAllister-McRae will be up for election. Additionally, there will be a federal election as 2016 is a presidential election year. In 2016, voters will also choose the North Carolina governor and lieutenant

Paranormal creatures feature in local author's book



By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

Shelly Burrows likes the paranormal side of things - and the more unusual, the better.

So when the Hoke County resident and her co-author Michael Stewart conspired to write their first book together, putting their own unique spin on supernatural creatures was a natural fit.

"Michael and I both like vampires, werewolves and all kinds of creatures of myth," Burrows said. "Our first book, 'Blood Moon,' mostly focuses on the vampires and werewolves."

The book tells the story of

werewolf witches Conri Olcan and Saoirse MacKay, who are on the hunt for the bones of the original Alpha of the Blood Moon pack of werewolves but run into trouble when the leader of a vampire coven tries to stop them.

The authors created their own world and characters that, Burrows said, don't look anything like the paranormal beings that feature in other popular books, television shows and movies.

"Our characters are not like 'Twilight,' they're not like 'Vampire Diaries.' We have strong female characters. The couple in our book works well together, they back each other up," she said.

The authors put their own twist on the various supernatural creatures. For instance, werewolves work differently and have a special "battle form," Burrows said.

Burrows also put a local twist in "Blood Moon" and forthcoming books in the "Dark Moon" series. The story takes place in the Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Southern Pines area. The series has a lot of North Carolina history, including the Lost Colony of Roanoke, Bur-

Burrows was born in Michigan and grew up in Ohio. Her parents retired to North Carolina and she and her family moved to the state in 2004. She worked at the Hoke County jail and got a degree in criminal justice administration, and also worked as a stay-athome mom.

She always enjoyed writing as a young student, Burrows said.

"When I was in school, English was one of my favorite subjects because you get to explore writing and learn grammar and how to string sentences together properly," she said.

The author made attempts at publishing her work, but life got in the way. Then she and coauthor Stewart met online and started writing together. Friends encouraged them to write a book, and even though Stewart lives in California, they made it work. The two authors used email to pass chapters back and forth during their collaboration and talked on the phone for hours to get their story down in writing.

The second book, "Dark Harvest," is currently in the editing process, Burrows said.

Stewart is from Los Angeles and grew up enjoying the supernatural and horror genres. Writing "Blood Moon" was something he always wanted to do.

"Like most people who are aspiring writers, I always wanted to do it and never actually sat down and did, and finally took that leap," he said.

The first book is just the tip of the iceberg for the series and the first of many stories the authors hope to tell, Stewart said.

"It's really enjoyable for us because it's one of the things that we scratched off our bucket list. It's something that we both always wanted to do. And do it the way we wanted, and not have our characters be so much teen angst and be more adult. We're really proud of that," he said.

There's still a lot of story to tell, Stewart added.

"I can't wait until we finish the second novel so we can start on the third," he said. They're not sure how many

books the series will run, but it's going to be more than just a trilogy, Burrows said. "So far, we've discussed it's going to be a long series because

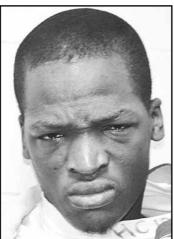
we have a lot of characters that want to be heard," she said. Both authors still have their

day jobs but ultimately hope to become full-time writers. "We would love to keep writ-

ing books and be able to make it our full-time job. That's every author's dream, to gain such fame that what you do professionally is write for a living," Burrows said.

The series is published through Hoke County publishing company Ravenswood. The first book is available for purchase online through amazon.com as a paperback or Kindle version. The second book should be released later this year.

Arrest made in 2013 assault



Keshandre M. McLean

Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office have arrested a man wanted in connection with an armed robbery that happened in Raeford in 2013.

Authorities arrested Keshan-

dre M. McLean, 20, of the 100 block of Heron Drive in Raeford on charges of common law rob-

bery and felony conspiracy. McLean was charged in connection with the robbery and assault on a man who was walking through the area of the North Raeford Mobile Home Park on November 20, 2013. Two men reportedly approached the victim and physically assaulted him, then went through his pockets and took his wallet and cigarettes.

Sheriff's office investigators reportedly identified McLean as one of the suspects in the case. Officers arrested him April 7.

The investigation is still ongoing as law enforcement continues seeking a second suspect. Anyone with information in the case is asked to call the Hoke County Sheriff's Office at 875-5111.

Chief

(Continued from page 1A) said.

The city police chief is required to live within the corporate limits, Baxley said. Crumpler now meets the residency requirement "based upon the actions taken," the city manager said.

Crumpler was suspended from his job February 9-13. He is not currently facing any other disciplinary action, Baxley said. The chief of police has not faced any other suspensions in the year that Baxley has been city manager, he said.

Crumpler has been the police chief since 2012, the longest period of time anyone has held the position in the last several years.

In November 2011, former chief Edward Jaggers negoti-

ated his resignation with the for Dennis' office and out of city after just five months on respect for Dennis," Crumpler the job. The city hired Jaggers in June 2011 to replace Mike Dummett, who left the position in December 2010 to take a job in Stallings, a town near Charlotte. Dummett later resigned from that position after being put on administrative leave because of complaints filed against him.

> Dummett had taken over as Raeford police chief in 2008 after former chief Kevin Locklear was fired from the department shortly after a court dropped domestic violence charges against him.

Crumpler is a Raeford native and member of the family that owns the Crumpler Funeral Home. He served as a North Carolina State Patrol Trooper for more than 24 years until he retired in March 2012.

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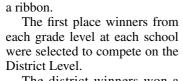
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Soil, water conservation office names poster, essay winners

The Hoke Soil and Water a certificate of achievement and Conservation District named this year's winners of the Annual Poster and Essay Contest. The theme for this year was "Wetlands...Are Wonderful."

The first, second and third place winners of each school won



The district winners won a certificate and a gift card from



Hawk Eye Elementary 4th Grade: Zy'Syan Johnson,Shaniz Zangana and Destiny L .Locklear, Tierra Graham, Destiny S. Locklear and Principal Mrs. Hayes



the Hoke Soil and Water super-

visors. The first place district

winners for each grade level

were selected to compete in the

Area VII competition. Area VII

first place winners received a

cash award. The Area VII win-

ners were then eligible to go to

Hawk Eye Elementary 5th Grade: Roxanna Ramirez and Celene Morgan, Kaitlyn McMillian, Amyia Hall and Principal Mrs. Hayes



the state level. All elementary

and middle schools in Hoke

County were eligible to par-

ticipate in this year's contest.

Rockfish Hoke Elementary

winners were:

The First Place poster district

Marcey Proefrock, 3rd Grade,

West Hoke Elementary 3rd Grade: Mathew Miller, Delia Orozco-Guzman and Patricia



Matthew Pridgen, 4th Grade,

Katherine White, 5th Grade,

The Essay Contest winners

were from Sandy Grove Middle

School: Jadyn Geah, first;

Malachi Stokes, second; and

McLauchlin Elementary

Rockfish Hoke Elementary

West Hoke Elementary 4th Grade:Piper Hill,Robert Snead and Jaliyah Morrisey-Patterson



Riley Edwards, third. Malachi

Stokes also won first place at

the District level and first at

the Area VII level. His essay

was sent to the State competi-

tion. These winners received

the same awards as the poster

West Hoke Elementary 5th Grade: Ricardo Cruz, James Shandy and Jhasmine Melvin



Hawk Eye Elementary 3rd

Grade: Victoria Talbot, Dia-

mond Pate, Kylan Locklear and

Principal Mrs. Hayes

Upchurch Elementary 3rd Grade:Sukanya Mitchell, Crystal Gomez and Nancy Perez



Upchurch Elementary 4th Grade: Lilly Obregon, Keylin Lopez and Giovanni Basco



Upchurch Elementary 5th Grade: Bella Khantivong, Nyeelah Lee and Alan Ramirez



McLauchlin Elementary 3rd Grade: Jesus Talentino



I.W. McLauchlin 4th Grade: Matthew Pridgen, Yenifer Luna Luna and Vivianna Cox



J.W. McLauchlin 5th Grade: Laila Beatty (not pictured), Mia Davis and Isaiah Joe



Scurlock Elementary 3rd Grade: Kerahn McKinnon, Madison Moon and Luis Canalas



Scurlock Elementary 4th Grade: Keidi Sanchez-Santiago, Declan Callahan and Brooke Jares



Scurlock Elementary 5th Grade: Victoria Delaire, Shawn Garrett and Jamarie Hernandez



Don Steed Elementary 4th Grade: Madison Potts, Alysen Flores and Principal Mrs. Gray



Grade: Marcey Proefrock and Abby Robertson



Rockfish Hoke Elementary 4th Grade: Savana McIlraith, David Coptsias and Madilyn Reine



Rockfish Hoke Elementary 5th Grade: Katherine White and Sydney Hopper



Sandy Grove Middle School 6th Grade: Malachi Stokes, Jadyn Geah and Riley Edwards

Ballot

(Continued from page 1A) be on the ballot until 2016," Pierce said.

Pierce, along with Rep. Ken Goodman, introduced a bill in the State House of Representatives seeking the state's permission for the county to hold the sales tax referendum. House Bill 247, which is currently awaiting action from the House Committee on Finance, asks the General Assembly "to authorize

Hoke County to levy an additional one-half cent sales and use tax" for the purpose of school construction and renovation. The money would go to pay for construction of a third campus at Hoke High and additional classrooms at other county schools.

Even if the legislation passes the General Assembly, "you still couldn't put it on the ballot of 2015," Pierce said.

The text of HB-247 states that "the election shall be held in accordance with the procedures of G.S.

The only local election scheduled for 2015 is a municipal race for three seats on the Raeford City Council, according to Hoke Board of Elections Director Caroline Shook. Only Raeford residents vote in that election, meaning elections officials wouldn't ordinarily open the county voting precincts this year.

Although the text of the bill does not specify when the matter would go to a vote, Hoke County Schools Board of Education Attorney Nick Sojka said that the school board had intended for the matter to go to voters this November.

"The intention all along was for

it to go to a vote this year," he said. Sojka said it had been his understanding from working with state of-

ficials that it could go through in the fall due to its status as an "advisory referendum," not a special election to fill an elected office. Hoke County Attorney Grady

Hunt said that, either way, the county has to wait until the state legislature makes a final decision on the bill before it can take any action regarding a special election. "I'll just wait and see what

happens with the legislation, the local bill, and if it passes, then we'll look down the road," he said.

Daniel Ettefagh, a senior legislative counselor who works with bill drafting for the state General Assembly, said that if the bill passes this year, the county would be able to hold the vote next year without having to get another bill through the legislature.

The other state stipulations include that a special election may be held "at the same time as the primary election in any even-numbered year" and "at the same time as a municipal general election, if the special election is within the jurisdiction of the municipality only."

Could still go on ballot Apending decision from the gov-

ernor means that Hoke voters could still see the sales tax referendum on the ballot this fall.

McCrory announced last week that he is considering calling for a statewide special election this year. The special election would seek voters' input on whether to allow the state to borrow between \$2.4 and \$2.8 billion to pay for road projects and state government buildings.

Legislation to schedule the bond referendum hasn't been introduced yet, but reports suggest the issue will likely be introduced before the House of Representatives this week. The filing deadline is Thursday.

If the governor moves ahead to put the state issue to a vote this November, then it would require Hoke to open all county precincts, allowing the county commission to put the sales tax issue on the ballot, if they vote to ask the county elections board to do so.

Raeford and Hoke won't hold a primary election at all this year because the only local race is for a non-partisan board.

Other stuff

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just about anywhere—even Mexico. And that is how our house-building team taught yet another group of children the Chicken Dance, and also a few surprised block layers the Cupid Shuffle.

I suppose that if the book Toxic Charity—about the bad that can be done when groups are trying to do good—is revised, the new edition will have a chapter devoted to the Cupid Shuffle. It's a fun little line dance, but I'm not sure our Mexican brothers and sisters are ready for it. Last week when our three-church team of 17 was building a house in Reynosa, Mexico, I had the Jam Box perched on a wall—with permission, set to play music on shuffle. Mackenzie (a teenager)

and I were laying a course of concrete block about 10 feet off the ground when the Cupid Shuffle came on. What are you gonna do? You're gonna dance, of course. Even if you're on scaffolding. It may have been the most dangerous moment of the week for me, because a person could dance himself right to his death if he misjudged the "to the right, to the right, to the right."

Clearly, though they'd seen hundreds of teams from all over the U.S. at the Reynosa location, the Mexican staff and volunteers had never seen the Cupid Shuffle, let alone on scaffolding. Nor had they seen a team dance so frequently as work progressed from prepping a foundation to pouring a cement floor to raising block walls to pouring a roof.

The teens in our group led the way, gettin' down to "It's What I Like About You," "Twist and Shout," Kirk Franklin's "Revolution," and, yes, the chicken dance, but Frank, our near-octogenarian, wasn't past laying down a jig once in awhile. He even pulled Stephanie, a teen, to her feet in a restaurant and danced with her to the music of a mariachi band.

Some of the Mexican men warmed to the music and even a few to the dancing, and joined in from time to time, prodded by the teens.

But Elizabeth, the lady whose house we were building, enjoyed it most. At times, she looked like Snoopy doing the Happy Dance.

A house will get built, I suppose, music or no, but why be grumpy?❖

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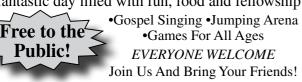


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Martin

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ren's dog, Solo, was the smartest animal she had ever seen, and she fell in love with him, even though he was "an unpredictable sociopath." How Solo became an effective cadaver dog is the story of Warren's book, "What the Dog Knows: The Science and Wonder of Working Dogs."

The paperback edition of this remarkable book recently made The New York Times' list of non-fiction, paperback bestsellers. This success should not be a surprise. Warren deftly accompanies her moving story of Solo's hard-earned achievement with information about crime fighting and the science of how dogs can learn to find the bodies of dead people. The result is a warm reading experience that informs as it entertains. (Bookwatch May 3, 7)

The paperback edition of "The End of Innocence," the debut novel of Chapel Hill based innovation consultant and speaker Allegra Jordan, will be released on May 1. The book is set on the Harvard University campus and the battlefields of World War I.

Its characters and their stories of love and friendship, smashed by the war, propel readers into the turmoil the Great War brought to the lives of unprepared people.

The book is timely in North Carolina for another reason. After the war, when a memorial was created for Harvard alumni who died in service to the allied cause, there was a hot debate about including alums who died fighting for Germany. Some North Carolinians are asking if we should maintain our monuments to the brave Confederate dead soldiers, even if we decide they were fighting for a cause that is indefensible today? (Bookwatch May 10, 14)

North Carolina's great and beloved historian, William Powell, who died April 11, challenged the validity of the purported Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. But the May 20, 1775 date of the "Meck Dec" is fixed on our state flag and seal.

Charlotte lawyer Scott Syfert, author of "The First American Declaration of Independence? The Disputed History of the

TODAY'S HOMEWORK (Notes on Education)

Mecklenburg Declaration of May 20, 1775," lays out the facts, pro and con, and respectfully presents the opinions of both adherents and detractors so his readers can form their own conclusions about the "Meck Dec." (Bookwatch May 17, 21)

If I told you the title of a recent North Carolina book was "Foods That Make You Say Mmm-mmm," who would you guess is the author? Do you need another hint? "This dish is to die for." Of course. the author is UNC-TV's star food guru, Bob Garner. He has written several books about our barbecue and many articles about our state's foods for Our State Magazine. His new book, his publisher explains, tells us about our state's food specialties like "fish stew, Ocracoke fig cake, banana pudding, collards and even Moravian chicken pie. The book is part cookbook, part essay collection, part dining guide." (Bookwatch May 24, 28)

Using Garner's favorite words to describe the best food treats, these five books are "to die for."

Religious

(Continued from page 2A) but the Court left open the option of states adopting their own RFRAs. Several did; North Carolina did not.

In 1998, the N.C. Council of Churches adopted a policy statement entitled "Religious Liberty" in which we called for the "passage of a state law, comparable to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which would prohibit restrictions on religious freedom unless the state is using the least restrictive way to achieve a compelling state interest."

Our concern, and that of many groups at that time, was that the change in Free Exercise standards would lead to significant limitations on religious liberty and could especially encourage discrimination against "small and/or unpopular religious groups." The statement mentioned impacts on practices by, among others, Jehovah's Witnesses, Native Americans, Orthodox Jews, and Muslims. The full statement contains helpful information on the history of Free Exercise cases, the possible ramifications of the loss of the compelling state interest standard, and recommendations for protecting religious liberty, including the passage of a "pure RFRAlike statute" in North Carolina. It also warned against exceptions in RFRA laws that would discriminate against one category of people,

In recent weeks, state RFRAs have reappeared, but this time be-

ing promoted by people opposed to same-gender marriage and worried about its increasing legal and social acceptance. The concern that has been voiced is for people in the marriage "industry" - caterers, florists, wedding directors, etc. – who might be forced to provide wedding services to couples whose weddings are contrary to their religious beliefs. Such a law has brought widespread attention to the state of Indiana, and similar bills have been introduced in North Carolina.

The Council remains committed to the protection of religious liberty and remains especially concerned that there be protection from discrimination against adherents of small, uninfluential, and/or unpopular denominations and faiths. At the same time, over the decades, we have voiced our opposition to all forms of discrimination, including those based on race, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

As currently written, the North Carolina bills would permit discrimination based on religious beliefs, not just regarding sexual orientation but also race/ethnicity, religion, and other factors. So, for example, a florist whose religious beliefs were in opposition to interracial marriages or interfaith marriages or second marriages for divorced people would be permitted to use those beliefs to refuse to serve such couples.

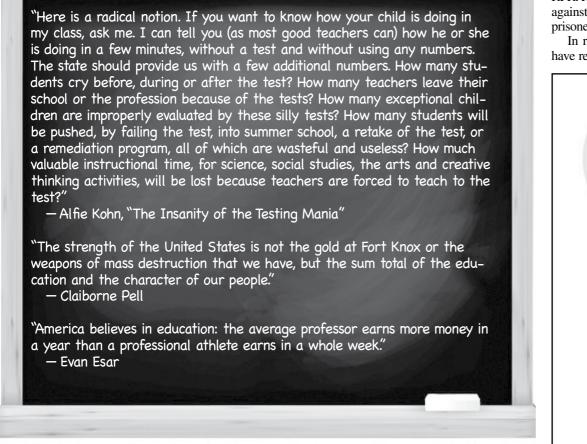
While we continue to support the concept of a state law that is equivalent to the federal RFRA, the bills introduced recently in North Carolina differ significantly from the federal law in scope and impact. For example, the N.C. bills omit the word "substantial" in speaking of the burden imposed, and they refer to a government interest "of the highest magnitude."

We will oppose any legislation which would permit religious beliefs to be used as a justification for discrimination

On a pastoral level, we need to acknowledge that there are people of faith who are hurting on this issue. There are conservative people of faith who find deeply held beliefs being challenged, even within their faith traditions, and who feel change in this area has come with great speed. There are people of faith who have spent much of their lives being discriminated against because of their sexual orientation, with at least some of that coming from within their faith traditions, and an end to that discrimination can't come quickly enough.

As the Council did in 1992, we again encourage people of faith to engage across these divides, "believing that understanding and respect come out of sharing in community and being in dialogue."

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Man arrested for child sex crimes



Laquan McLean

County Sheriff's Office arrested a of crime against nature. He was man on multiple charges of alleged held under a \$500,000 bond. sexual assault against a child.

Deputies arrested Laquan McLean, 37, of the 200 block of Pilgrim Mobile Home Park in Raeford on two counts of second-degree forcible sex offense, two counts of indecent liberties with a child, two counts of sexual act by a substitute parent, two counts of felony child

Investigators with the Hoke abuse by sex act and one count

Officers with the sheriff's office received a report last week about a sexual assault on a female child that allegedly occurred on April 4 around 10 p.m. Detectives looking into the situation conducted interviews and discovered sufficient evidence to take the suspect into custody, the sheriff's office said.

Rape

(Continued from page 1A) charges of first-degree rape, firstdegree kidnapping, assault on a female and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. The alleged incident was reportedly domestic in nature and Locklear was denied bond.

Deputies responded April 8 to

the 200 block of Stubbs Road in reference to a call about an assault that had reportedly just occurred. During the investigation, officers learned that the female victim had been sexually assaulted. She was taken to Moore Regional Hospital for treatment of non-

life-threatening injuries. Deputies arrested Locklear in connection with the case. He was taken to the Hoke County Detention Center.

Officials did not release the victim's name due to the nature of the alleged crime.



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Man charged in kidnapping, sex assault



Shomari Theodore Seaton

Class Reunions

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1961 — If you are interested in attending a reunion for the 1961 Upchurch High School class, contact myrticemyrt@aol.com or call Myrtice Pollard (910) 843-5952 or Martha McNair Brown (910) 875-6119.

1962—Information on the class of 1962 may be obtained by calling Annie Gilchrist McLain, 487-4195; McKinnon McKeller, 864-0772; or Ellen Clark McNeill, 875-3237; or email emcneill 1005 @ aol.com.

1963—Information on the class of 1963 may be obtained by calling Edna Marie Black-Cooper at (910) 843-5742 or email ebmarie black@aol.com or Mary Roper at (910) 875-4993.

1964 — For more information concerning the class of 1964, call Rebecca McNeill (910) 875-1469, email RBM28376@aol.com or John McLean (910) 843-4047, email Shorose66@aol.com.

1965—Upchurch High Class of 1965 meets monthly at the home of Mr. Bobby and Jennie Allen. All interested parties are invited to attend. Contact Rev. Jennie Allen at (910) 875-5026; Pastor Cora Murphy (910) 684-0417; Mr. Paul Purcell (910) 904-1622; Janice McDougal (910) 423-6271; email jlmac65@nc.net; snail mail 3649 Marcliff Road, Hope Mills, NC 28348.

1967 — The Upchurch High School Class of 1967 is planning their 50th Class Reunion Celebration. For more information, contact Walter Blue, (910) 875-3318, Delorise Lide, (910) 875-2480 or Annie Little, (910) 695-5519.

1975—The Hoke County High Class of 1975 is planning its 40th year reunion. We are searching for our members and contact information. Please respond with contact information to: trinybooks@aol. com, gbhill27@gmail.com, 910-213-7110, 910-977-9076 or 910-978-4455.

1977 — Hoke County High School Class of 1977 will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at Virgil's Drive-In. Any interested classmate may call James Quick at (910) 273-1863.

1987—The Hoke County High Class of 1987 class reunion preparations are underway for 2012. For suggestions/details email: Della Brunson Smith at_della.smith@hotmail.com or Anthony Sinclair at microtec31@netscape.net.

1990—The Class of 1990 25th Reunion will be held June 26-28.

On June 26 the class and family will meet at Lafayette Lane Bowling Alley, 3313 Raeford Road, Fayetteville NC, from 7 -10 p.m. On June 27, THE MAIN ATTRAC-TION: A Black Tie (formal) event will be held at Pinehurst Resort, 80 Carolina Vista Drive, Village of Pinehurst, in the Carolina Hall and Terrace Room. The cost includes venue, buffet dinner, DJ and photography. The cost is \$63 per person (non-refundable). The available payment methods are via website, see link at http://www.payitsquare. com/collect-page/54305 or mail to Angela McNeill (910)-797-1999 (call for address) or Laura (Smith) Davis, P.O. Box 214, Raeford, NC 28376, (910)-987-0519. Partial payments will be accepted. All payments must be received by May 8. On June 28 the class is invited to worship with Kendra (Parker) McArnat New Beginnings in Christ Ministries, 8987 Red Springs Road, Red Springs, at 11am.

1998—Planning for the class of 1998 reunion has been completed. Please contact April Bratcher at (336) 841-5388 or (336) 338-2286 cell or Damon Williams at (910) 690-6707 ASAP so we can get an information packet to you via mail or email.

2001 — A website has been established for Hoke High's class of 2001 so that classmates may keep in touch and exchange reunion ideas. The website was begun by Gretchen Adams and the address is www. geocities.com/fightingbucks2001/index.html.

Investigators in Florida have arrested a man wanted on multiple charges connected to crimes in the Highway 15-501 area of Hoke County near the Moore County line that were reported

Law enforcement officers with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office arrested Shomari Theodore Seaton, 25, no address known, on charges of one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts

dangerous weapon, three counts of first-degree kidnapping, one count of first-degree sexual offense, one count of attempted first-degree sexual offense, one count of crimes against nature, one count of attempted crimes against nature and one count of sexual battery.

of attempted robbery with a

He was held by Florida law enforcement and is pending extradition to North Carolina to stand for the listed charges.

Break-ins

(Continued from page 1A) possession of stolen goods. He was held under a \$105,000 secured bond.

Investigators called to the 200 block of Smokey Mountain Drive interrupted a break-in in progress on April 2. The suspect

fled on foot through the rear door of the home. Officers searching the area reportedly located a fourwheeler in the garage that had been stolen from a neighbor's residence the previous night.

Authorities conducted a search warrant on the property

and recovered items from multiple break-ins. The property was returned to owners Joanene Lassiter and Fred Stalter.

Warfield is also facing charges from outstanding warrants from another breaking and entering.

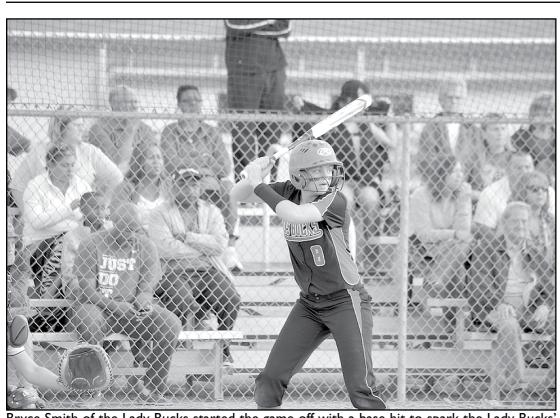
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SPORTS



Bryce Smith of the Lady Bucks started the game off with a base hit to spark the Lady Bucks' nine-run first inning. Bryce is the catcher on the team and went 4-5 from the plate. She was also named to the All-Tournament team.



Caitlyn Crenshaw went 2-4 from the plate and had 3 RBIs for the Lady Bucks in their 14-6 win in the Robeson County Slugfest Easter Tournament Championship.

Lady Bucks win first tournament in school history

By Hal Nunn Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Lady Bucks' softball team accomplished something that has never been done in Hoke County history. They won a tournament championship, the Robeson County Slugfest, last week in St. Pauls by defeating Lumberton 14-6. The Bucks also defeated West Bladen, the winner of the Easter tournament for the last three years, to advance to the championship game.

In the first inning, the Lady Bucks jumped out to a 9-0 lead off hits by Alyssa Castillo, Bryce Smith, Taylor Jacobs and Caitlyn Crenshaw. The Bucks led the way 9-0 until the third inning when Lumberton put up six of their own to make it 9-6. It remained 9-6 until the top of the sixth when the Bucks added another run, making it 10-6. Hoke County held Lumberton

scoreless the rest of the way and added four more runs in the top of the seventh to secure the tournament championship 14-6.

Bryce Smith led the way from the plate going 4-5. Alyssa Castillo went 3-4 and Caitlyn Crenshaw went 2-4 with three RBIs. Coach Heather Glass said Alyssa Castillo and Caleigh Norton were the defensive players of the game. "I'm so proud of these girls for what they have accomplished so far," Coach Glass said. "This team really plays well together and they mesh really well on and off the field." Three Lady Bucks - Bethany Locklear, Bryce Smith and Caitlyn Crenshaw - made the All-Tournament team. Bethany Locklear was also named Tournament MVP.

The Lady Bucks are 12-2 overall and 3-1 in the Southeastern Conference. They play Scotland County tonight at home and Richmond County Friday night



Three Hoke County Lady Bucks were name to the All-Tournament team. They were Caitlyn Crenshaw (left to right), Bryce Smith and Bethany Locklear. Bethany was also named Tournament MVP.

Beasley wins 270cc race at Rockfish Speedway

By Hal Nunn Sports writer

Over 30 cars made it out to Rockfish Motorsports Speedway for opening day of the 2015 racing season at the 3/8-mile clay oval off Lindsay Road in Raeford. Five divisions saw action this past Saturday and Dale Arnold of Fayetteville took home the win in the top division - the Micro Sprint 600cc class. Jason Brown finished second, Fred Prosperi II came in third, Mark Jones fourth, Josh Smith fifth, Colton Beasley sixth, Jody McCall seventh, Matt Jones eighth and Deon Arnold ninth. In the Micro Sprint 270cc class, Raeford's own Colton Beasley took home ton honors with Matt



Dale Arnold leads the pack in the Micro Sprint 600cc through turns one and two at Rockfish Motorsports Speedway in Hoke County last Saturday. Arnold took home the first win of the season in the top class (Photo by www.thefourthturn.com)

William "Brownie" Brown coming

Jones finishing second, Andrew Yocco third, Lucas Pierson fourth, Ben McCall fifth, Adam Ahuse sixth and Dale Trogden seventh. In the Legends series, Billy Gomez Sr. of Fayetteville took home the win with Eddie Daniels in second, Michael McDonald third, Mark Walters fourth and Tyler Kussman fifth. In the Pro Go Karts, Billy Gomez Jr. of Fayetteville took home the win with

in second, Chester Beaman third and Zachary Kober fourth. In the Mini Pro Go Karts, young Levi Brown of Raeford took home the win, Kim Oxendine came in second and Eric Cardona came in third. Racing action will continue this weekend with the Ashley Heights Sand 100 with gates opening at 2 p.m., practice and qualifying at 4 p.m. and racing action at 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.rockfishmotorsports.com.



McCain buys first championship shirt After the Duke Blue Devils won the National Championship last Monday night, Geraldine McCain was the first person to buy a Duke National Championship t-shirt from the local Hibbett Sports store in Raeford. Pictured are Jerry Wilson-store manager from Southern Pines (left to right), Geraldine McCaincustomer and CeCe Winston-store manager in Raeford.

Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

April 15
Girls JV Soccer at Richmond 5:30 p.m.

Girls V Soccer at Richmond 7 p.m.

Girls JV Softball Home vs. Scotland 5 p.m.

Girls V Softball Home vs.

Scotland 7 p.m. Track Home vs. Richmond

& Scotland 4 p.m. Middle School Softball &

Baseball at West Hoke 4:15

April 16

Boys Tennis Home vs. Pinecrest 4 p.m.

Middle School Softball & Baseball at West Hoke 4:15

Middle School Girls & Boys Soccer at East Hoke 4:15 p.m.

April 17

Girls V Soccer Home vs. Scotland 6 p.m.

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Girls JV Softball at Richmond 5 p.m.

Girls V Softball Home vs.

Richmond 7 p.m.

Richmond 7 p.m.

Boys JV Baseball at Richmond 5 p.m. Boys V Baseball Home vs.

April 20

Girls JV Soccer Home vs. Lumberton 5:30 p.m. Girls V Soccer Home vs.

Lumberton 7 p.m. Boys Golf at Purnell Swett

Middle School Softball &

Baseball at East Hoke 4:15 p.m.

April 21 Girls JV Softball at Lum-

berton 5 p.m.

Girls V Softball Home vs. Lumberton 7 p.m.

Boys JV Baseball at Lumberton 5 p.m.

Boys V Baseball Home vs.

Lumberton 7 p.m.

Middle School Girls & Boys Soccer at East Hoke 4:15 p.m. Middle School Girls & Boys Soccer at Sandy Grove

4:15 p.m.

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(Continued from page 1A) A&T and Fayetteville State University, then returned to Hoke County and began working with students. She also holds master's degrees in Christian education and theology. She was the Hoke County 2013 Teacher of the Year and currently works with the Hoke County Civic League. She attends Leach Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Carol Jacobs Goins is the eldest of four siblings and is married with one daughter. She is described in her biography as a "Hoke County gem," and grew up in the Hoke community. A member of the Hoke High Class of 1983, she went on to work in the medical field and currently works with inmates at Hoke County Correctional. She has a passion for

Bust

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under a \$30,000 bond.

marijuana and possession of

drug paraphernalia. He was held

preserving history and recently was the driving force in putting together a celebration for the 100th anniversary of the McCain facility. She attends the Vision of Christ Church and volunteers with the domestic violence center.

Quick, the eldest of seven children, grew up in Hoke County and graduated as part of the Hoke High Class of 1975. She went on to earn a degree in criminal justice from Fayetteville State University. She returned to Hoke County to work with the juvenile justice office. Currently, she works as a juvenile court counselor. She attends Rockfish Grove Free Will Baptist Church and is active in the church auxiliary and serves as a youth advisor. She additionally serves as a precinct judge and volunteers with the literacy council.

Operations Unit received a

complaint about someone tres-

passing and possibly growing

marijuana on the property in

Hoke Schools principal Bridget Parnell-Hayes and Tommy Lawlor, is a recent transplant to Hoke County. She volunteers with the school libraries and works to bring books to the community with the Little Free Library. She is also working with the Friends of the Public Library to support bringing a bookmobile to Hoke County. She serves as president of the organization, and is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She additionally volunteers with the Raeford-Hoke Museum and is a member of the Raeford United Methodist Church.

Brenda Lawlor, mother of

Eunice Ann Locklear, born and raised in the Lumberton area, attended school in the Fairmont community and later in Pem-

434 marijuana plants on the

property and allegedly con-

nected the plants to Locklear.

Deputies arrested Locklear

broke. She earned a degree from Robeson Community College and went on to work at Moore Regional Hospital. She and her husband Ray Locklear moved to Hoke County and have resided in the county for nearly 30 years. They have one son, Kenneth. Today she is a certified pharmacy technician, nursing assistant and physical therapy assistant and also works as a hospital outreach facilitator. She is youth director, choir member and Sunday school teacher at South Hoke Baptist Church and volunteers with Hoke County Parks and Recreation and the Native American Scholarship Association.

Some of the awardees were unable to attend the ceremony but were recognized and honored by those present. The winners

The plants had a value of

about \$800 each, setting the

total value of the drug bust at

over \$347,000.

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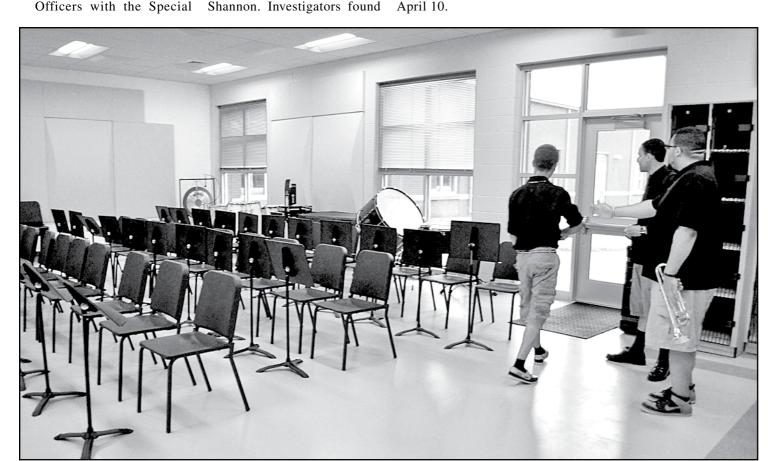
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Sandy Grove Middle wins recognition

Hoke County's Sandy Grove Middle School has been recognized as a verified zero energy building by New Buildings Institute. A verified zero energy building is a building that benefits from reduced energy use through

onsite renewable energy sources. Sandy Grove Middle School is the first energy-positive, LEED Platinum registered, leased public school in North Carolina. The 74,000-square-foot energypositive facility, designed to return more energy to the grid than it consumes, is projected to save Hoke County Schools nearly \$35 million over the next 40 years. The photovoltaic solar array is comprised of 2,358

roof-mounted panels, as well as four striking solar structures that stand 20 feet tall. Combined, the panels produce over 752,000 kilowatt/hours of electricity per year – enough energy to power more than 68 homes. The geothermal system, comprised of ground-sourced heat pumps, utilizes the naturally renewable ground temperature as a heat source in the winter and a heat sink in the summer. This subsurface conductive heat transfer returns near-constant 55-degree water to the heat pumps, requiring less energy to raise or lower the indoor air temperature. Other factors in conserving energy are super insulated wall and

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