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Bridge work will close N.C. 211

Detours on highway at Antioch, Old Wire Road expected until November

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Parts of Old Wire Road and N.C. 211 will shut down over the next month as the North Carolina Department of Transportation tackles two bridge repair projects.

The state DOT plans to close Old Wire Road between Old N.C. 211 and N.C. 211 between May 18 and June 22, and then will close N.C. 211 between Old N.C. 211 and Old Wire Road until November 9.

Work crews will first replace the bridge over Raft Swamp on Old Wire Road. The

49-year-old bridge needs to be strengthened to meet future needs, according to the NCDOT.

"By preserving this bridge now, it will extend its useful life and stretch dollars further," officials said in a statement.

The bridge on N.C. 211 between Old

N.C. 211 and Old Wire Road is "considered structurally deficient and functionally obsolete," according to the NCDOT.

"This means it was built to design standards no longer in use, such as narrow lanes, inadequate under-clearances and (See ROAD CLOSINGS, page 6A)

Woman killed in wreck

A woman died Sunday morning in a wreck at a busy Hoke County intersection, and authorities have charged another driver with her death.

Jessica Lynne Pearson, 62, of the 1300 block of Townsend Road in Raeford was killed when driver Sean Geoffrey Hill, 26, of the 200 block of Ingram Street in Fayetteville rear-ended her vehicle. The North Carolina State Highway Patrol charged Hill with misdemeanor death by vehicle.

The accident happened around 9:08 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Highway 401 and Lindsay Road. Pearson was stopped at a traffic light behind two other cars. Hill was driving north on Highway 401 and ran into Pearson's car.

The force of the impact pushed Pearson's 2008 Toyota 4Runner into the (See WRECK, page 6A)



Fans suffice, but just barely, in the office at Rockfish Hoke Elementary School. At left, the old chiller is being removed and a new one installed. (Ken MacDonald photos)

Air conditioning arriving at schools just in time

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Two Hoke County schools that were left sweating in the autumn heat last year will be keeping cool as temperatures start going up this month.

Work started this week on replacing the chiller systems at Rockfish Hoke Elementary and Sandy Grove Elementary schools. The chillers at both schools were outdated, at the end of their useful lifespan and one had stopped (See CHILLERS, page 6A)



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Here's chance to see 'swoopers' at airport

Nearly 200 aerial athletes from across the United States will swoop in to Hoke County next month for the 2015 U.S. Parachute Association National Parachuting Championships.

The event, which will be open to spectators, is set for June 15-21. This will mark the first time in over 20 years that the event will be held in North Carolina.

Airborne athletes will test their mettle as they compete for gold in three disciplines.

The competition includes the "fastest, most visually stunning form of skydiving," according to the association. Canopy piloting, also called "swooping," involves the skydivers jumping out of a plane at a lower than usual altitude and, instead of slowing down, attempting to gain speed as they descend. The parachutists slalom

through courses for hundreds of yards, skimming feet above the ground at speeds up to 90 miles an hour.

"Swooping" is known as one of the most challenging forms of skydiving.

This year's experienced canopy piloting competitors will battle it out for the limited slots on the U.S. team that will compete at the World Cup in August.

Athletes will also compete in freefall style and accuracy landing and canopy formation.

The event will take place at Skydive Paraclete XP.

The championships are free and open to the public. The event will run from sunrise to sunset each day. The schedule of events is June 15-18 freefall style and accuracy landing, June 16-19 canopy (See SKYDIVERS, page 6A)



Swooper Curt Bartholomew—"I've gone 253 m.p.h. straight at the ground... What are you doing with your life?" (Randy Swallows photo)

Service to honor officers

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

The Hoke County Sheriff's Office will honor the memory of deceased law enforcement officers at the annual service this week.

The service, which is open to the public, will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 14 at the Hoke County Courthouse on Main Street in downtown Raeford. The Raeford Police Department and North Carolina (See SERVICE, page 3A)



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VIEWPOINTS

By the Numbers—college debt

By CHRIS FITZSIMON
N.C. Policy Watch

61—percentage of graduates of 4-year colleges and universities in North Carolina in 2013 with student loan debt (Institute for College Access & Success, Project on Student Debt)

51—percentage of graduates of 4-year colleges and universities in North Carolina in 2004 with student loan debt (Ibid)

24—rank of North Carolina among the 50 states in the percentage of college graduates with student loan debt in 2013 (Ibid)

24,319—amount in dollars of the average student loan debt of graduates of 4-year colleges and universities in North Carolina in 2013 (Ibid)

16,661—amount in dollars of average student loan debt of graduates

of 4-year colleges and universities in North Carolina in 2004 (“Student Debt and the Class of 2005: Average Debt by State, Sector, and School,” Project on Student Debt)

39—rank of North Carolina among the 50 states in the amount average student loan debt of graduates of 4-year colleges and universities in 2013 (Institute for College Access & Success, Project on Student Debt)

28,312—amount in dollars of the average student loan debt of graduates of East Carolina University in 2013, the highest in the University of North Carolina system (Ibid)

90—percentage of graduates of Fayetteville State University in 2013 with student loan debt, the highest percentage in the University of North Carolina system (Ibid)

77—percentage of graduates of Catawba College in 2013 with student loan debt (Ibid)

30,662—amount in dollars of the average student loan debt of graduates of Catawba College in 2013 (Ibid)

2,516—amount in dollars of the reduction in state funding per student at UNC system campuses in the last five years (“Economic Driver: Higher Ed pumps \$63.5B into NC economy,” Higher Education Works, March 18, 2015)

699—amount in dollars of the average increase in tuition at UNC system campuses in the last five years (Ibid)

4.3—percentage of average tuition increase approved by the UNC Board of Governors for in-state undergraduate students at UNC schools for the 2015-2016 school year (“Tuition at UNC system universities take a hike,” *Greensboro News & Record*, February 15, 2015)



Campaign ‘drivel’ can’t be good for us

As the upcoming presidential election creeps nearer, I am already sick of the media coverage of it. Hillary has declared, and while I generally vote Democratic, I am not sold on her. I, like many, would like to see a serious contender for the Democratic nomination. As for the Republicans, I always reply to my GOP friends with “What you got?” when they ridicule me for voting Democratic. I will ask that question many more times before the election and don’t expect to get a response that will tempt me to change my stripes, unless some new great hope emerges. I have an open mind on this subject and would support a Republican under the right circumstances.

I believe we need a strong third party in congress at this point because of the partisan bickering and road blocking that seems to be the bulk of the work going on up there. A small number of united third parties could control the outcomes of a lot of this gridlocked legislation. The current congressmen outside of the two main parties have neither the unity nor the numbers to make an impact. With the uncontrolled flood of special interest money, it would be practically impossible for any third party to pose a serious threat.

The tragedy is that the sensationalism of the news media seems to dominate the attention of the public, pushing aside real debate. The recent landing of the small helicopter on the Capitol grounds, staged to bring attention to the financial campaign inequities made worse



Frog Holler Philosopher
Ron Huff

by the Citizens United, mostly prompted only security questions and finger pointing at enforcement agencies. I have not heard one news outlet use this opportunity to have a reasonable discussion of campaign finances. I guess everyone has made up their mind on the issue, but I find it hard to believe that the average American agrees with the Citizens United verdict.

Getting back to my original thought on media saturation, I believe there is way too much coverage of every little thing. Did the media make some kind of hero or some kind of fool out of the man in the red pants who chased Hillary’s campaign van behind some restaurant? I’m surprised that I haven’t seen an interview of him as he announces his own political career. For someone who has no interest in this inconsequential drivel, even I can’t avoid it.

For the junkies out there who hang on every word of their chosen media lords, have you considered another pastime? This can’t be good for you. I can’t avoid the bias and triviality even though I make an effort to.

What really gets me are the columnists that are well respected and intelligent who still take every opportunity to see the worst in policies of folks of the other party. I believe

we are now seeing this with respect to foreign policy. There is no way that anyone outside the inner circle of a president has the information available to the president and yet every move is second guessed and deemed foolhardy. The situation in the Middle East has resulted after many years of doing what seemed best at the time by both parties. I originally supported the Iraq war because it was sold to us as absolutely necessary. Time has certainly shown the folly of that decision. The current negotiations with Iran on their nuclear capability is either preventing them from building the bomb or paving the path to the bomb depending on what side you are listening to. Is there not a common interest here? Why do pundits and politicians feel that it is necessary to say anything in order to promote their side?

I suppose it is one of the worst parts of human nature to want toicker. The world is far from black and white but for some reason we don’t seem to be able to see gray. This, like many of the world’s woes, is nothing new, just continually recycled. The news and concerns of 50 years ago seem very similar to those of today. I guess the fact that we are still here says something.

Tomorrow is a new day and Charlotte and I are heading to the islands for a few days. Maybe that will give me something more pleasant to write about. Hope the chickens make it through their first separation from their momma. More later.

Legislature considers plight of foster kids

In 2014, more than 14,800 children spent time in foster homes in North Carolina, with nearly 10,000 remaining in care at the end of the year.

Not too many years ago, 23-year-old Marcella Middleton was one of them. From age 2, she spent much of her childhood in foster homes—at least 16 placements.

She told her story during a foster care seminar at the Legislative Building in Raleigh. Her testimony about problems faced by foster kids—most of whom have suffered abuse or neglect and need the love and support of adults—was as eloquent and powerful as any speech heard on the House or Senate floors this year.

A recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Middleton is a rare success story from the foster care world. In general, an expert at the seminar said, outcomes for young people transitioning from foster care are “deplorable.”

Middleton said she never considered any of her foster families her family, but rather “just people I lived with.” At one home, she ate jail food because the lady worked at a jail. At another, she got in trouble for saying the word “liar.”

She went through a phase when she didn’t speak. “Why talk? Why even make friends?” she said. “Why even do anything? I’m going to

One on One

Patrick Gannon,
Capitol Press Association



move. I’m not going to see these people ever again. I’m going to meet new people, and then I’m going to meet new people... then I’m going to meet more new people.”

Middleton also told a story about how she and her sister were devastated when denied the opportunity to go to Disney World as foster kids, even though the mother of a friend took a second job to pay for it.

A bill that passed the state Senate unanimously this session and awaits action by the House would address situations such as that and other barriers faced by foster kids and families, said Sen. Tamara Barringer, the bill’s sponsor and a former foster parent. Senate Bill 423 would establish a “prudent parenting standard,” giving foster parents more say in whether children under their care can participate in extracurricular and social activities, such as sleepovers, without approval from the courts or social services agencies.

“As long as you’re acting as a prudent parent, you’re not going to be held liable if a child falls out of a

tree or gets hurt on the football field or whatever,” Barringer said.

The bill also removes barriers to foster teenagers getting driver’s licenses by allowing them to purchase car insurance with consent of the courts. Right now, Barringer said, laws in many ways require foster kids to “sit on the sidelines of life.”

“They don’t get to learn to drive,” she said. “They don’t get to go to senior prom. My daughter’s in Washington now with her eighth grade class. They don’t get to do that because there’s nobody to sign the permission slip.”

The bill also would allow foster parents to purchase insurance, which Barringer said would remove an obstacle to potential parents worried about liability if anything goes wrong.

Today, Middleton works at the Center for Family & Community Engagement at N.C. State University, where she trains social workers and foster parents to help them become better at working with foster children. She also is an aspiring musician with her own YouTube channel, where she explores issues of music, fashion, beauty and—of course—foster care.

She supports the Senate bill because it would allow foster kids to “be normal, be young people, because they’re supposed to be.”

She should know.

BROWSING THE FILES



The 4-H Club under the direction of Woodrow Hayes plays games at the Dundarrach Community Center. A group of citizens is at work to find money for paint and window sashes for the center.

47 years ago May 16, 1968

The board of education names Ernest Sutton from Hamlet assistant superintendent. He will handle the federal programs and other duties assigned by Superintendent D.D. Abernathy.

Mrs. Ricks Branch receives the “best Mother’s Day present anybody ever had” when she answers her phone Sunday and finds her wounded son on the other end of the line. Cpl. Ricky Branch was critically wounded during combat in Vietnam on May 5. His mother says she feels better having talked with him even though she learns that besides his wounds he has pneumonia. The Marine was hit by a bullet while point man on patrol.

The Rev. Joe Lowery brings in a 10.25 pound bass caught in Drowning Creek. The fish didn’t get away but the picture did. Apparently, something happened in the darkroom.

“Raeford gave up another son

to the woes of war in Vietnam last week” is how a story describes the death of Cpl. Kenneth Wayne Floyd. His was the third death reported here, after those of Jerome McCormick and Lt. Samuel Warlick.

Mrs. Neil L. McFadyen turns over the gavel of the Raeford Woman’s Club to Mrs. Sam Home-wood. Mrs. James Wood takes over as treasurer.

Sears opens a mail order store on Elwood Avenue today. The store will have some articles on the floor for sale, Mrs. R.E. Parker, owner and operator, announces. Orders left at the store will be delivered here from Greensboro within three days under normal circumstances, she says. The building had been occupied by Baucom Furniture Co. and more recently by Lamont Furniture Company.

The Hoke County grand jury asks that the county courtroom be air-conditioned.

May 16, 1990 25 years ago

Columnist Raz Autry releases his first novel, “With Whom Do You Walk,” saying he got the idea while watching golf on TV. The book is set on the Professional Golfers’ Association tour.

Raleigh radio personality Dale Van Horn is supposed to speak at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, but runs late, so Congressman Bill Hefner fills in with jokes.

Area real estate agents are upset with the way the Planning and Development Commission has been seeking land without telling them, potentially taking business. At a meeting, director Patrick Zimmer says if the county secures new industry, everyone wins.

Calvin Ryan Clark, son of Bob and Darlene Clark, attains rank of Eagle in the Boy Scouts.

Nadine McGrady, a Hoke High Chemistry and Physics teacher, is named Teacher of the Month by Partners in Education and is presented a check and plaque by PIE President Bill Archer.

TODAY’S HOMEWORK (Notes on Education)

“In order to advance the cheap-if-ineffective public policy notion that firing the right teachers will reduce poverty in the USA, non-logic and deception have been elevated to an art form. Orwellian language (Students-First; ‘no excuses,’ Stand for Children) has been marshaled to preemptively emasculate dissent by casting opponents as whiny child-abusers before they even speak up. The trademarked language of education reform is often the intellectual equivalent of greeting an old friend by saying, ‘Hey Jim, are you still beating your wife, or have you stopped?’”
— John Kuhn, *The Pundit’s Miseducation*

“I’ve come to believe that genius is an exceedingly common human quality, probably natural to most of us... I began to wonder, reluctantly, whether it was possible that being in school itself was what was dumbing them down. Was it possible I had been hired not to enlarge children’s power, but to diminish it? That seemed crazy on the face of it, but slowly I began to realize that the bells and the confinement, the crazy sequences, the age-segregation, the lack of privacy, the constant surveillance, and all the rest of national curriculum of schooling were designed exactly as if someone had set out to *prevent* children from learning how to think and act, to coax them into addiction and dependent behavior.”
— John Taylor Gatto, former teacher

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Obituaries

Eloise C. Teal

Eloise Carmichael Teal, 93, of Raeford passed away Sunday, May 10, 2015.

She was born July 10, 1921 in Scotland County, a daughter of the late Duncan and Katie Bell Jones Carmichael. She was the loving and devoted wife to the late Clyde Washington Teal. She and her late husband were the owners of Teal Oil Company, which operated in Raeford for more than 30 years. She served as a faithful member for 70 years of the Raeford United Methodist Church and a former member of Caledonia United Methodist Church. She was very active in her church and was involved with her women's Circle Group and Sunday school class. Her love and devotion to her family, her faith to her church, her loyalty to her friends and her acts of kindness to those in need will be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her daughters, Jean Harris and husband John of Cary, Ann Walker and husband Wayne of Durham, and Linda Teal of Raeford; three grandchildren, John Harris Jr. and wife Patti, Christy O'Harris, and Michael Harris and wife Kimberly; four great-grandchildren, Courtney Long, Jackson Harris, Chloelle O'Toole and Wyatt Harris; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at noon Thursday, May 14 at Raeford United Methodist Church, officiated by Dr. Steve Castle. Burial will follow in the Raeford Cemetery. Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. prior to the service in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to Raeford United Methodist Church Women, 308 North Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376 in her memory.

Rita Gueta

Rita Mendoza Flores Gueta, 73, of 198 Wallace McLean Road died Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Survivors include her husband, Camilo; children, Alejandro, Jorge, Elvia, Carmen, Guadalupe, Jaime and Rocio; sister, Maria Mendoza; 21 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Saturday, May 9 from 5 to 10 p.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church.

Muriel B. Pippin

Muriel Billie Pippin, 88, of

Raeford died Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Survivors include children, Muriel, Michael, Charles and Ceridwen; a sister, Dottie Harris; and four grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9 in Raeford United Methodist Church.

Isaac X. Pitts

Isaac Xavier Pitts, 16, of Raeford died Thursday, May 7, 2014.

Survivors include his parents, Kristie and Martin DeLuna, and Michael and Paula; siblings, Joshua Quick, Christian, Jordan, Brendan, Sonya Wann, Jenna Gano and Devin DeLuna; and six grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13 in Parma Church of God in Parma, Missouri. Burial will be in Bernie Memorial Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri.



Mary Ann Bowen

Mary Ann Bowen

Mary Ann Bowen of Fayetteville died Friday, May 8, 2015 at the age of 77.

She was born August 1, 1937 in Atlanta to the late Charles and Annabelle Ziegler Moss.

She attended Galatia Presbyterian Church and Mount Calvary Baptist Church. Within the churches, she was involved in the choir, circle and Children's Fellowship.

She is survived by her husband, David Bowen Sr. of Fayetteville; five sons, Art Diehl and wife Jean of Fayetteville, Charlie Diehl and wife Jennifer of Raleigh, Harry Diehl and wife Darlene of Charlotte, Dave Bowen Jr. of Matthews, and Chris Bowen of Lake City, Florida; and a grandson, Sam Diehl.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 12 at Galatia

Presbyterian Church, officiated by Pastor Neil Smith, Ruling Elder Herman Autry, and the Rev. Dwight Jackson.

Interment was in Galatia Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneral-home.com.

Faizah Alvarez

Faizah Alvarez, 27, of 123 Tuxford Court died Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Survivors include her husband, Ibar; children, Maliyah and Eric; parents, Joyce Thompson and Davis James; and brother, Spencer Thompson.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9 in First Missionary Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Burial was in Beaches Memorial Park, Jacksonville.



Donald L. Green

Donald L. Green

Retired CW3 Donald L. Green, 73, of Raeford passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in his residence.

He was born in Charlotte on November 17, 1941, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee and Dorothy Green.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Master Sgt. George Levasseur.

He had the privilege of serving alongside his stepfather as a Special Forces Green Beret in the U.S. Army before becoming a chief warrant officer and a flight instructor at Hunter AAF, Fort Rucker, Alabama. He served honorably from August 24, 1959 to February 28, 1981. During this time, he earned a Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, a Parachutist Badge and an Army Aviator Badge.

Survivors include his son, Anthony Green and wife Michele; granddaughter, Madison Green; grandsons, Walker Green and Mason Green, all of Pendleton, South Carolina; sister, Linda Carlisle and husband Bryan of Matthews; nieces, Jena Carlisle of Indian Trail, Niki Polen and husband Larry of Monroe, and their children Matelyn and Reagan; and dedicated close friends, Jackie and Spencer Gay of Fayetteville.

A memorial service was held at noon Friday, May 8 in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Jimmy Dean Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 70600, Fort Bragg, NC 28307.

Online condolences may be sent to sullivanshighland.com.

Schools, company bet energy savings will pay for upgrades

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Work got started this week on a long-planned energy performance contracting project that will replace outdated, energy-inefficient equipment in Hoke County schools — at no out-of-pocket cost to the county.

"The subject of this is to put updated equipment in our schools and with the cost savings, use it to pay for the equipment so it's no additional money from the county," Hoke County Schools facilities director Charles Tapp said.

The school board heard presentations about the energy performance contracting last year and signed off on the process earlier this year. The county commission also gave its stamp of approval this year, and the early work got started this week.

The project is financed based on energy savings. The contracting company performed a detailed analysis of the school facilities energy use, including utilities such as the toilet flow and even water fountains. Using that data, the company was able to project a cost savings based on a cost-benefit analysis.

"It was a yearlong process of examining all the buildings here, some 80 buildings and 13 facilities, taking a look at each building

for certain types of retrofit that we know pay back well," senior project manager Mike Vrchota said.

If the calculations showed that a project like replacing a light or adding insulation to the buildings would save the schools enough money over the long run to pay back the cost of the work, the project was added to the to-do list. If a possible upgrade wouldn't save the schools enough money to be worth the effort, then that piece of equipment wasn't included.

Chillers, boilers, lighting, the building envelope including doors and the roof are all some of the major components of the performance contracting. Other fixes include replacing water fountains with different models, changing the restroom toilets to low-flow versions and adding digital controls that can put a school's computers to sleep and wake them up at the same time each day.

The schools will be switched over from fluorescent tube lighting to LED lights, which are not only more energy-efficient but also have low maintenance costs.

"Lighting is a huge part of this. It's a \$1 million part of the project to replace (the lighting)," Vrchota said.

The money is handled by financing through a bank. The county's part in the agreement was to sign off on a promise that the

county won't decrease the amount of funding for utilities that it's currently giving the school system.

That way, the county funding stays level, while the school's light bill goes down. The saved money goes to pay for the new equipment over a 15- or 20-year period.

This is the first time the Hoke County school system has participated in performance contracting, but it's not the first time Vrchota's company, Brady Services out of Morrisville, has worked on such contracts.

"This is one of 15 or 20 we've done in the past in this local area," he said.

The financial risk is on the contracting company. If the promised energy savings don't appear after the improvements, then the company's the one that has to take the loss and pay the utility bills for the length of the contract period.

The entire project works out to just over \$6 million. It will take about eight months to do the entire retrofit and equipment replacement, Vrchota said. The equipment should be up and running by Christmas and the final work will be done by the first part of 2016.

Vrchota predicted that officials from other school systems are going to want to visit Hoke schools to see the final projects.

"Hoke County is going to be a showplace for this," he said.

Police Blotter

Raeford Police reported the following recent incidents:

May 4

Damage to personal property, 100 block of West Prospect Avenue, victim Lynn Morticia Blackshear-Ray

Larceny, breaking or entering a vehicle, 500 block of North Main Street, victim Jerome W. Russell

Larceny by an employee, 100 block of Fayetteville Road, victim Days Inn

May 5

Service

(Continued from page 1A) Highway Patrol will take part in the service.

Founded by the sheriff's office several years ago, the annual memorial service takes place during National Law Enforcement week, now named National Police Week.

"We don't want to forget those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty," Hoke County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said.

The officers who died in the line of duty while serving Hoke and Raeford include State Highway Patrol Trooper William T. Herbin, shot and killed August 31, 1964 while conducting a traffic stop 12 miles north of Raeford on U.S. Highway 401; Chief Pleasant Clay Oakes, 49, of the Raeford Police Department, who was shot and killed August 31, 1912; Patrolman Albert Howell, 37, of the Raeford Police Department, who died of a heart attack September 14, 1940 after chasing a suspect on foot

Larceny, 100 block of Meadows Lane, victim City of Raeford

May 8

Driving while intoxicated (alcohol), open container, 100 block of Laurinburg Road, victim State of North Carolina. Police charged Robert George Thorne Jr., 40, of the 600 block of North Magnolia Street in Raeford.

Simple assault, 700 block of West Prospect Avenue, victims Patricia Ann Whitfield and Tervaus Lamont Blue

Larceny, 100 block of Racket Alley, victim Wizas Martiz

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Larceny, 500 block of North Fulton Street, victim William Corbett Fields Jr.

May 9

Embezzlement by employee, 100 block of Laurinburg Road, victim Waffle House. The case is pending further investigation.

Larceny, 400 block of West Fifth Avenue, victim Clarence Herbert Patterson

Assault of a female, 300 block of Harris Avenue, victims Amber Johnson and Nicole Cummings-Webb

through the Raeford Cemetery; and Det. Charles Harris, 45, of the Southern Pines Police Department, who was shot and killed in his home April 4, 1991.

Last year marked the 50th anniversary of Herbin's death. It's important to remember fallen officers from the community, even those who were killed many years ago, the sheriff said.

Photos of deceased veterans sought

Organizers for a local Memorial Day program are seeking photos of the Raeford and Hoke County veterans memorialized on the killed in action monuments in downtown Raeford. The photos will be added to a collection that will be displayed at future Memorial Day programs. The project's goal is to put faces to the names of the local men and women who died in service.

The annual Raeford-Hoke County Memorial Day service will be held Monday, May 25 at 11

a.m. in front of the Hoke County Courthouse on Main Street in downtown Raeford.

Anyone with photos of the veterans memorialized on the monuments downtown is asked to call Catharin Shepard at (919) 394-4695 or email cshepard@thenews-journal.com. Photos can be emailed to that address, dropped off at The News-Journal office or mailed to Catharin Shepard, c/o The News-Journal, 119 West Elwood Avenue, Raeford, NC 28376.

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County schools to hold arts festival

Hoke County Schools is holding its annual All-County Arts Festival through May 22. The festival is the culmination of a week of emphasis on the arts that will be followed by another week emphasizing the arts at the pre-kindergarten level. The festival day will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at Sandy Grove Middle School, and activities will include student performances in drama, high

school dance, middle school dance, high school chorus, middle school chorus and middle and high school band. Students selected for the middle school all-county band will have the chance to travel to Hoke High School for practices, and have a chance to be recruited to the Hoke High Mighty Marching Bucks marching band. During the week of May 11, all schools will conduct an art

contest, with a winner selected from each grade level at each school. The winners' artwork will be displayed at the all-county performances on May 16 at Sandy Grove Middle. Additional events scheduled for the festival include: Mitch Capel, also known as Gran' Daddy Junebug, will perform for all second-grade students in the Turlington Auditorium May 15; Jody Cassell will bring stories alive

with dance during an interactive program for all pre-kindergarten students; and Rodney Chism, director of Marching and Concert Bands at Fayetteville State University, and Fayetteville State University choral director Dr. Denise Payton will take part in the festival. All activities are funded by the Hoke County school system in conjunction with a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.



Excellence award
Dr. Arthur D. Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Kemp of Raeford, was recently honored with the 2015 Faculty Excellence in Service Award for the College of Health, Science and Technology at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri. The award included \$1,000 in travel funds for professional development. Kemp is an associate professor of Psychological Science. He and his wife Gina have three sons and he is a 1977 graduate of Hoke High School.

Real Estate Transfers

Transfers of property recorded with the Hoke County Register of Deeds, by date deed issued:

April 10
• Lots 85 and 120 in Robbins Heights, from Sharon Moye and Joe Lee McMillan to Parrish Shade of Raeford

• Lot 34 Bridgeport Section 1, from Heather and Kirk Newman of Raeford to Antonia D. Miller of Raeford

• Lot 47 English Farms Section 2, from Melissa L. Blakeslee of Broadway and Michael S. Blakeslee of Palm Harbor, Fla. to Tim D. Geisler of Raeford

• Lot 16 Quail Hollow East, from Shawn Michael Felch to Kimberly N. and Vidal Freeman of Raeford

April 13
• Lot 29 Ravenwood Phase 2, from Jamie Mark Leibold of Sanford to Mercedes and Nereo Santibanez of Fayetteville

• Lot 16 Eagles Ridge Phase 1, from Kidd Construction Co. of Fayetteville to April Snead of Raeford

• Lot 7 in Raeford township, from Kimberly J. Summers to Kathie L. Russell, trustee, of Raleigh

• 2.733 acres in Raeford township, from Christina J. Peterson, executrix of the estate of Robert Joseph Martin, and Maria Theresa Marston, Robin Ann Martin and Joseph Zublick, Melissa and Jeffrey Harville and Eric Martin to Janice B. and Robert L. Fox Jr. of Raeford

• Lot 121 McPhaul Acres Section 2, from Carol Ann Bullard to Dora Mendez Estrada and Ornan Rodriguez Mendez of Red Springs

April 14
• Lot 16 Forest View, from Patim Incorporated of Raeford to Delvin F. Hoyle of Raeford

• 3.281-acre tract in the Stone-wall township, from Bettie P. and John W. Jones of Raeford to Robbyn G. and Joseph E. Gerald of Lumber Bridge

• Lot 37 Somerset Section 2, from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. to Spenser Fussell of Lexington, S.C.

• Lot 45 Somerset Section 2, from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Spenser Fussell

• Lot 33 Quail Hollow West, from Sandra Louise Koehler of Dunn to Natalie and James Hilleary of Raeford

• Lot 52 Anderson Place Section 3, Part 2, from Bank of America, N.A. of Simi Valley, Calif. to the Military Warriors Support Foundation of San Antonio, Texas.

April 15
• Lot 1 Riverbrooke Section 1, Part 1, from Emma and Andrew Dill of Fort Benning, Ga. to Devin Lin Redding of Fayetteville

• Lot 11 Stonewall township, from James A. McGougan to De-lores Evans of Fayetteville

• Lot 282 Summerfield East Section 4, from Jamal M. Barnes of Enterprise, Ala. to Monique D. Melton and Kevin T. Forrest of Raeford

• Lot 50 Trappers Run, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Wade Gabriel of Fayetteville

• Lot 687 The Maples of East-gate Section 1, Part 2, from Sarah

Marie and Charles T. Clevenger of Indian Trail to Courtney and Dexter R. Woods IV of Raeford

• Lot 168 Recomb Wedgefield, from Kidd Construction Co. of Fayetteville to Tahirah V. and Dwayne J. Ravenell of Raeford

April 16
• Lot 3 Country Walk Phase 1A, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Kimberly A. McVickers of Parkton

• Lot 221 Riverbrooke Section 4, from Caviness Land Development Inc. of Fayetteville to Ashley M. and Christopher Lee Mitchell of Raeford

• Two tracts in Raeford, from JCLU, LLP, aka The "Jelo" Limited Partnership, to 4GK Inc. of Raeford.

April 17
• 2842 Arabia Road, from Shanna Rae Jackson and David Grant Roberts of Raeford to Cassandra Adams Urriola of Raeford

• Lot 6 Triangle subdivision, from Stephanie McFayden to Gloria McGougan of Raeford

• Lots 7 and 8 Triangle subdivision, from Stephanie McFayden to Ronnie Smith of Raeford

• Family cemetery in Hoke County, from Charles Albert Ventura of Lumber Bridge to Judith Ventura of Raeford

• Lot 93 Wedgefield Phase 3A, from H&H Constructors Inc. of Fayetteville to Stacey L. and Barry Brown of Raeford

• Lot 197 Summerfield East Section 3, from Alejandra M. Hernandez and Luis Daniel Hernandez de Jesus of Altamont Springs, Fla. to Nicole and Christian Maggio of Raeford

• Lot 58 Trappers Run, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Jorge Delgado Rodriguez of Raeford

• Lot 1 Cashley's Place, Section 1, from Boahn Construction Inc. of Raeford to Paula R. and Johnnie R. Owens of Raeford

April 20
• Lot 10 Northwood Estates Phase 1, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to James E. Ivy of Raeford

• Lot 59 Mayfield Section 2, from Princess and Josiah Espinoza of Fountains, Calif. to Roberto Ramirez of Raeford

• Lot 114 Turnberry Section

1, Part 2, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Arianne and Michael D. Clark of Raeford

April 21
• Lot 1 Arrowwood Estates, from Simon Peter Conley of Red Springs to Diane and Timothy Locklear of Red Springs

• Lot 95 Stonewall Section 7, from Janina and Israel R. Hillyer of Pilkinson, Texas to Joy and Rando Tyler of Raeford

• Lot 29 Turnberry Section 1, Part 5, from Floyd Properties & Development of Fayetteville to Caviness & Cates Building & Development Inc. of Fayetteville

• Lots 8, 10 and 53 Turnberry Section 1, Part 5, from Floyd Properties & Development Inc. of Fayetteville to H&H Constructors of Fayetteville LLC

• Lot 62 Raeford Village, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Marie E. and Jason Alexander Martinez of Jacksonville

April 22
• Lot 49 Robbins Heights, from Christina and Alfonso L. Walton of Winchester, Calif. to Alberta W. Cox of Raeford

• Lot No. 9 Joshua Acres, from Giovanni J. Romero of Red Springs to Mariana Guillen Lopez and Heredi Rodriguez Peralta of Red Springs

• 1.01 acres on Townsend Road, from Angela V. and James Wood Jr. to Strickland Construction Development Inc. of Raeford

• Lot 36 Eastwood, from Eloise U. and W.E. Carter to Merri L. and John T. Manning of Raeford

• Lot 228 Wedgefield Phase 1B, from Orlando Harrison of Raeford, with U.S. Bank Trust, National Associates, as trustee for LSF9 Maston Participation Trust, to Kimberly Harrison of Raeford

• 0.229 acres on Elwood Avenue, from the .5 acre estate of William Henry Harris Sr., with William Henry Harris Jr. and Shirley Davis acting as co-executors, with Wanda Thompson, Latoshia and Justin Herring and Vanessa and Christopher Locklear, to William Henry Harris Jr. of Lumber Bridge

• 0.57 acres on Polaris Court, from Kelly and Aaron Dicker to Mary Emily McDonald of

Raeford

April 23
• Lot 60 Mitchell's Landing, Phase 4, from Tristar Building & Development Inc. of Hope Mills to Shannon M. and Brian K. Hauser Jr. of Raeford

• 3.66-acre tract on Fawn Trail, from Carol J. and Jimmy Bunce to Tae and Arron Franklin of Fayetteville

• Lot 7 Stonewall Section 1, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Papier Properties Inc. of Parkton

April 24
• Lot 3 Greenbrier Estates Block C, from Sandra Balmain and Mark Allen Caskey of Red Springs to Lisa Marie and James Clayton O'Hern of Red Springs

• Lot 8 Eagle Ridge Phase 1, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Precision Custom Homes & Renovations LLC of Fayetteville

• 11.01 acres on Fayetteville Road, from Janet Palmer Hayes and James Davis Hayes, with Howard Wayne Palmer, to Abdo Alsaii of Brooklyn, N.Y.

• Lot 7 Summerfield East Section 1, from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. to Eliana Properties Inc. of Raeford

• Lot 106 Summerfield East Section 2, from Regina and Adrian Espinoza of Merced, Calif. to Lauren and Curtis Michaud of Raeford

April 27
• Lot 2 Timber Bridge, from Miriam and James N. Gibney of Concord to Jennifer Bayne of Raeford

• Lot 21 Twin Creeks, from Truliant Federal Credit Union of Winston-Salem to Donna Weil of Raeford

• 5.67 acres in the Quewhiffle township, from the Estate of Sarah L. Strother, with Carl Edward Strother, Donna and Garry Arthur Strother, Linda Strother and John Maiolini, Norma P. Strother, James R. Strother Jr., and Joy and Jeffrey W. Strother, to Norma P. Strother

• Lot 920 The Maples of West-gate Section 4, from Caviness & Cates Building & Development Co. of Fayetteville to Melissa A. and Gerard S. Lopez of Raeford

District Court

Recent cases heard in Hoke County District Criminal Court:

April 28
Judge Michael A. Stone presiding

• Leonardo V. Ahilon, 31, 321 W. Page St., Saint Pauls, no operator's license, prayer for judgment, court costs

• Salmon Basilio Assuedra, 23, 0 Anthony Loop, Raeford, no operator's license, prayer for judgment, court costs; operating a motor vehicle without insurance, voluntary dismissal

• Eddie Brunson, 73, 188 Ashgrove Lane, Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs

• Roosevelt Delbridge Jr., 47, 210 Julian Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs; driving while license revoked, voluntary dismissal

• Katrina Hayes, 37, 8628 King Road, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs; expired registration card or tag, voluntary dismissal

• Ricardo Alberto Huerta, 23, 19801 Old Hundred Road, Laurel Hill, improper equipment—speedometer, \$75 fine and court costs; reckless driving/wanton disregard, voluntary dismissal

• Bradley David Lindow, 32, 116 Lindow Drive, Marston, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs; no operator's license, voluntary dismissal

• Crystal Roxann Locklear, 27, 30362 N. Turnpike Road, Wagram, simple possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance, prayer for judgment, court costs

• Jeremiah A. McLemore, 20, 402 Buckeye Drive, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs

• Basant K. Sheestha, 48, 405 Carriage Lane, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs

May 6
Judge Regina M. Joe presiding

• Lorenzo Bain, 33, 115-B Eulon Loop, Raeford, shoplifting by concealment of goods, one day in jail, credit for one day served

• Verender Bullard, 29, 601 Melinda Road, Pembroke, misdemeanor larceny, 75 days in prison, credit for as many days served; assault with a deadly weapon, 150 days suspended, 12 months probation, pay \$184.60 restitution and court costs, no contact with prosecuting witness, obtain assessment for substance abuse and follow any recommended treatment

• Gary Wayne Gooch, 55, 149 Gold Thread Lane, Pinehurst, improper equipment—speedometer, \$75 fine and court costs; failure to wear seat belt by driver, voluntary dismissal

• Quentin Tyler Hardin, 20, 108 Hazel Lane, Raeford, misdemeanor larceny, 45 days suspended, 12 months probation, pay \$2,015 restitution, no contact with prosecuting witness, stay off premises of prosecuting witness; first-degree trespassing by entering and remaining, voluntary dismissal

• Kimberly Davon Haywood, 24, 102 Yadkin Trail, Raeford, injury to real property, 21 days suspended, 12 months probation, pay \$125 restitution, court costs; second-degree trespassing, voluntary dismissal

• Katerra Kunwanice Munn, 39, 516 Community Road, Saint Pauls, simple worthless check, 15 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, pay \$610 restitution

• Luiz Enrique Velez Perez, 19, 130 Celtic Court, Raeford, continuing to the delinquency of a juvenile, 45 days in jail, credit for as many days served

• Stephen Peter Richards, 20, 180 Lebeau Drive, Raeford, misdemeanor larceny (two counts), 45 days suspended, 18 months probation per count, pay \$80 restitution, court costs, 24 hours community service and pay fee, obtain General Equivalency Diploma, substance abuse treatment recommended, no contact with prosecuting witness, probation to be transferred to Cumberland County

• Clifford Jerome Williams Jr., 24, 796 Louisiana Drive, Raeford, assault with a deadly weapon, 21 days suspended, 12 months probation, court costs; no contact with prosecuting witness, after six months and upon full compliance, defendant may be transferred to unsupervised probation.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses recently issued by the Hoke County Register of Deeds, with date of ceremony in parentheses if different. Ceremonies performed in Hoke County unless otherwise noted:

April 28 (May 5)
• Christina Cheryl Grey and Taylor Jordan Benton, both of Red Springs

April 30

• Marco Antonio Servin and Tari Agnus James, both of Raeford

May 1 (May 2)
• Yolunda Latose Johnson and Corey Louis Smith, both of Fayetteville. Married in Cumberland County

May 4
• Ashley Nicole Matthews and Jeffrey Allen McMillan, both of Red Springs.

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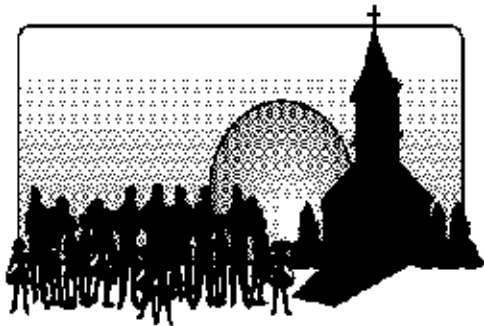
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SPORTS

Five players sign Letters of Intent



Michael Aaron of the Hoke County High football team signed his National Letter of Intent to play football at UNC Pembroke this fall. Sitting with Michael are Coach Quame Patterson, Michael, his mother Connie Quinonez and Coach Stan Callender. Michael will play tight end for the Braves and major in Biology.



Johnathan Pickler of the Hoke County High basketball team signed his National Letter of Intent to play basketball at N.C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. Seated with Johnathan are Coach Quame Patterson (left to right), his mother Stephanie Pickler, Johnathan, his father Reggie Pickler and Coach Ryan Sauers. Johnathan plans to major in Exercise Science at N.C. Wesleyan.



Justin Baldwin of the Hoke County High football team signed his National Letter of Intent to play football at UNC Pembroke. Seated with Justin are his girlfriend Leanna Jacobs (left to right), his brother Nicholas Baldwin, his mother Leslie Baldwin, Justin, his father Adell Baldwin and his coach Maurice Huey. Justin plans to major in Nursing at Pembroke.



Bailey Cooper and Ameer Shakir from the Hoke County High wrestling team signed their National Letters of Intent last week to wrestle at Ferrum College in Virginia. Seated with them are Bailey's father Frank Cooper (left to right), his mother Jennifer Cooper, Bailey, Ameer, his mother Shalena Shakir and his father Shaheed Shakir. Standing in back are their coaches, Vernon Walworth and Stan Callender. Bailey plans to major in Environmental Sciences and Ameer plans

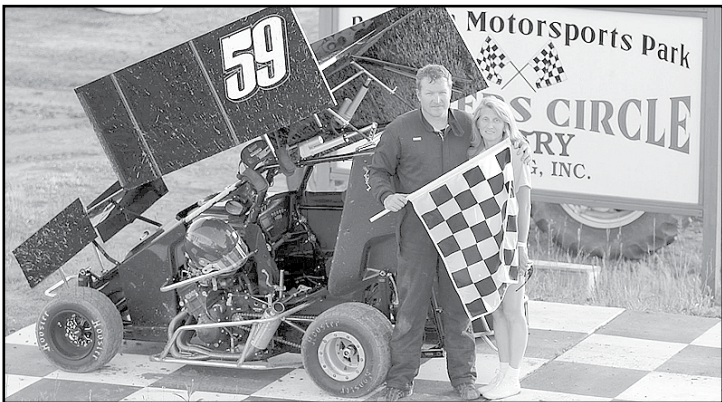
Raeford Racing Round-Up

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

Rockfish Speedway-week 4

Things were much calmer at Rockfish Motorsports Speedway for Exit Realty Night last Saturday. However, Mother Nature did her best to stop the night but the track won. Track officials labored to keep the track surface in race shape and were able to get in the racing action and everyone still out by 8:20.

"I gotta give credit to all the track staff and especially Billy McFayden, Bill Dollbier, Earl Richardson and Dan Messier



Jason Brown of Raeford got his first win of the season in the 600 cc Micro Sprint race last weekend at Rockfish Motorsports Speedway. The track is closed this weekend but will return May 23 for the first night race of the season on Memorial Day weekend. (Photo courtesy of GPS Photography and Video)

for making sure we were able to get it in," track announcer Larry Long said. "We also appreciate the folks at Ashley Heights Sand and Bill Dawson for what they do, as well as Greenscape Landscaping of Lumberton for the water truck and Sanford Contractors for the motor grader."

"Fast" Eddie Daniels took home his third win of the season in the Legends series. Jason Brown of Raeford got his first win of the season in the 600 Micros series. Andy Yocco of Spring Lake took home first place in the 270 Micros and Billy Gomez Jr. took home his third win of the season in the Go Karts. This Saturday, the track is closed; however, track promoters and some racecars are heading to the Crown Coliseum for the 2nd Annual Holistic Health Summit and Expo. The next race will be the first night race under the lights on Memorial Day weekend, May 23. The title sponsor for this night is Brownie Towing Service and gates will open at 2 p.m., practice at 4 p.m. and racing action to follow. For more information, go to www.rockfishmotorsports.com.

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Diamond Elite teams on rise



Last weekend, the Diamond Elite 12U girls' fast pitch softball team played in Wendell and won the championship in the NC USSSA May Showdown tournament by going undefeated in the 10-team tournament. The weekend before, the team played in Micro and came in second place out of 10-teams in the NC USSSA Girls Love Diamonds tournament. Members of the team are August Smith (front row, left to right), Summer Powell, Hailey Pait, Megan Cygan and Abby Dover; back row: Coach David Pait, Gracyn Slaughter, Haleigh Line, Courtney Cygan, Nailah Quick, Kamryn Russell and Coach Jamie Dover. (Submitted photo)



The Diamond Elite 14U girls' fast pitch softball team won the championship game in Cary in the NC USSSA Mother's Day tournament. Members are Ina Womack (front row, left to right), Jessica Cordona, Alondra Jacobs and Alissa Dial; back row: Coach Rodriguez, Jenna Byrd, Alicia Rodriguez, Courtney Bracey, Joscelyn Richardson, J'Maya Blue, Hanna Byrd and Coach Womack.

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Honor Society

Current members welcomed inductees into the National Honor Society Wednesday at Hoke High School. Members are picked based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Pictured are Kacey Adarius Reitz (top row, left to right), Donovan Pierre Wirt, Malek Shakim Mitchell and Logan Dubin; middle row: Makayla Renee Shipp, Alexis Amber Osorio, Anika Marie Mattson, Lilia Jade Santos, and Ryan Harrison Sellers; front row: Hannah Locklear, Christian Tilley, Mikal Montgomery, Shakayla Tianna Morrissey, and Roberto Tilley.

Chillers

(Continued from page 1A) working completely.

The two schools will be getting all-new and more efficient chiller systems just in time for the late spring weather. Thanks to a performance contracting process, the schools won't have to pay out of pocket for the upgrades, school facilities director Charles Tapp said.

While the school system is also looking at many other utilities needs at all the schools in the county, getting the air conditioning up and running was at the top of the list, he said.

"We're doing the chiller issue first, which are Rockfish and Sandy Grove first, and then we're going to see what other things like lighting and other things," Tapp said.

A chiller uses chilled, circulating water to cool the air. A chiller for a school is a very large piece of equipment, with the biggest components housed just outside of the school building.

A chiller is not the same thing as central air conditioning, and only five or six of the county's schools rely on chillers to keep things cool. The rest of the schools use window unit air conditioners or central air conditioning, with the exception of Sandy Grove Middle School, which operates on a geothermal heating and cooling system.

Rockfish Hoke was built in the

Road closings

(Continued from page 1A) insufficient load-carrying capacity," officials stated.

That bridge, originally built in 1962, will be completely replaced.

The work will close portions of the roads for seven days a week until the work is completed.

Both of the road closures will offer drivers a detour around the sections of road that will be blocked off.

The entire project is part of the NCDOT's statewide bridge program to improve the condition of the state's bridges.

The state previously performed

early 1990s and the life expectancy of the chillers is just about 20 years, Tapp said. The one at Sandy Grove Elementary is also close to the end of its lifespan.

The chiller at Rockfish Hoke Elementary had gone out several times during the first part of the 2014-15 school year, leaving students and staff sweltering. Eventually, that chiller gave up entirely, and rather than replace an expensive broken part, the school system chose to wait until the performance contracting deal was signed.

The necessary part that would have fixed the old chiller would have been impossible to find, and the schools would have ended up spending between \$15,000 and \$17,000 to pay a company to make one just for that piece of equipment. Officials said they didn't want to spend that much money on repairing an outdated system that was slated to be entirely replaced this year.

Now, the long-awaited replacement is here. Weighing in at about 20 tons, the newly-built chillers arrived on flatbed trucks and will be going in at the two schools over the next weeks. The chillers cost about \$600,000 each.

In the meantime, teachers are using fans and opening doors and windows to try and keep students cool as temperatures reach the high 80s for the first time this year.

work on the bridge on N.C. 211 about a decade ago.

NCDOT awarded the contract for the projects to Mountain Creek of Catawba for \$969,530. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder as required by state law.

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Wreck

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vehicle in front of her, a Ford Edge driven by Raeford resident Max Clapper. In a chain reaction, Clapper's car then ran into a Honda Accord driven by Anita Thompson, also of Raeford.

Pearson died at the scene of the wreck. Hill, who was driving

Skydivers

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formation and June 19-21 canopy piloting.

Founded in 1946, the United States Parachute Association is a nonprofit association dedicated to the promotion of safe skydiving nationwide, establishing strict safety standards, training policies and programs at more than 240 USPA-affiliated skydiving schools and centers throughout the United States. Each year, USPA's 37,000-plus members and half a million first-time jump

a 2000 Nissan Altima, reportedly broke his arm in the accident. He was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville for treatment. Thompson and Clapper were not injured, according to the Highway Patrol.

Funeral plans for Pearson were not immediately available.

students make an estimated 3.2 million jumps in the U.S. USPA represents skydivers before all levels of government, the public and the aviation industry and sanctions national skydiving competitions and records.

A police officer and skydiving instructor from Canada died last year at the Raeford P.K. Airpark when a swoop attempt went wrong. Sgt. Philippe De Blois, 35, of Quebec City died March 31, 2014 after attempting a low-altitude jump at the facility.

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Friday, May 15th



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