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Police chief named in Harnett lawsuit

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Raeford's newly hired Chief of Police Duncan Edward Jagers is one of four people recently named in a federal lawsuit alleging civil rights violations by some members of law enforcement in the Harnett County town of Coats.



Jagers, law enforcement officers

Plaintiffs Derek J. Balentine, David C. Strickland and Connie W. Strickland filed suit against Jagers,

Kelly W. Fields, Kenneth M. Storichs, Andy C. Lee and Michael Blackman, and the town of Coats.

The lawsuit claims Jagers took part in false arrest/false imprisonment, assault and battery, malicious prosecution, intentional infliction of emotional distress and excessive force during an arrest. The lawsuit names

the town of Coats and the three other defendants on a number of other charges, including unlawful search, unlawful seizure, unlawful arrest, excessive and unlawful force, unlawful detention/false imprisonment, and unlawful initiation of criminal proceedings in violation of the plaintiffs' rights under the Fourth and Fourteenth

Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Jagers served as Narcotics Officer in Harnett County and later worked as the Chief of Police for the town of Coats. He left that position to take on the job in Raeford in June of this year.

The lawsuit claims Jagers allegedly used unlawful force on plaintiff Connie

Strickland, mother of plaintiff David Strickland, after Mrs. Strickland saw officers had pulled her son over and were searching him for drugs. Mrs. Strickland stopped her own car at the scene, got out of her vehicle and approached the officers, according to court documents.

Documents allege that (See CHIEF, page 7A)



An explosion at this house was likely a backdraft.

Smoke alarm saves family

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Smoke detectors saved a Raeford family from a weekend fire that heavily damaged their home, authorities said.

The alarms woke the Gibson family on the 300 block of West Sixth Avenue in Raeford around 10:20 p.m. Sunday. The brothers got out of the home safely and no one was

hurt. Officials are not sure what caused the fire. Investigators have not been able to pinpoint the exact origin, Raeford Fire Marshall Terry Tapp said.

"We don't know really, we'll probably just have to mark it as undetermined," he said.

A neighbor reported hearing an explosion (See FIRE, page 4A)



Clockwise from above: McKenzie Kirk likes a treat given to her and fellow Girl Scouts who helped at the event; State Rep. Garland Pierce reads a proclamation; attorney Debbie Baker holds toothpaste she gathered for the homeless. (Catharin Shepard photo above; others contributed)



Homeless awareness event held

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

The Hoke County community rallied for the homeless Saturday at West Hoke Middle School, despite low turnout of the target audience.

Only a handful of people who are homeless attended the Hoke County Homelessness Awareness Expo this year, organizer Martha Beatty said. This is the third year that the Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness has held the expo.

Dozens of others attended the event. The community

drummed up support and offered a free meal, toiletries and services but the people who need the assistance the most can be difficult to reach, organizers said. The day offered free support for laid-off citizens, community networking and information exchange opportunities.

Attorney Debbie Baker's office was one of the local businesses that set up a table at the event. Baker offered toothpaste, toothbrushes and other toiletry items, as well as information about legal services. Other local agencies offered information about various services they

provide for people in need.

Elected officials including Rep. Garland Pierce, Commissioner Ellen McNeill and others attended the event. Several Girl Scout groups helped with serving the meal and doing other tasks during the expo and later got to enjoy the free meal as well.

Beatty said she hopes to spread the word to a greater extent next year to try and attract more people without homes to connect them with those willing to offer a helping hand.

November is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month. The

Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness is dedicated to raising awareness by providing individuals and families with information and supportive services necessary to reduce and eliminate homelessness, while supporting self-sufficiency.

This year the Coalition against Homelessness received approximately 200 calls requiring housing, health or employment referrals, domestic consultation or emergency financial funding. About 95 percent of calls were serviced or (See HOMELESS, page 3A)

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Pregnant woman dies in wreck

A woman from Raeford and her unborn baby died and her nine-year-old son was injured in a multiple car accident in Fayetteville last week.

Regina Laffea, 39, of the 200 block of Seabiscuit Road in Raeford died Friday night of injuries sustained in a five-car accident at the intersection of Raeford Road and (See WRECK, page 7A)

Board launches search for new health director

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

The Hoke County Health Department is seeking applications for a new Health Director to oversee the local agency.

The county began advertising last week to fill the open position. The department released a request for applications on the county website, including specific information about the qualifications required. The position pays be-

tween \$66,867 and \$94,481, according to the department information.

A health director is expected to serve as the administrative head of the Public Health Department under the supervision of the Hoke

County Board of Health.

"The Health Director is responsible for directing, planning, coordinating, implementing and managing all public health services and programs," according to the description of duties. The

department has more than 38 full-time, part-time and contracted workers.

The Health Director also serves as secretary to the county's Board of Health and "takes direc- (See DIRECTOR, page 5A)

OTHER STUFF

By KEN MACDONALD

As most lovers of fine art, like the YouTube video when everybody suddenly starts singing in the food court, I have been watching for my chance to be called into the service of the medium. The "phone" rang Saturday.

I was in Atlanta for an annual gathering of youth workers, mostly 20-somethings, which is who you need for flash mob art, or whatever it was we did.

From the stage Saturday night, they called for any users of the iPhone 4s (cutting, I'm sure, the ranks from 4,500 to a workable number) who were willing to spend \$1.99 for a special app (reducing the crowd of notoriously underpaid youth workers even further) and could be back at the stage the next morning at 7:30 a.m. That left exactly 42 geeky young people and me.

We gathered, most of us clutching (See OTHER STUFF, page 7A)

Gardner-Webb honors McNeill

Gardner-Webb University named Auburn's Jeff McNeill its 2011 Alumnus of the Year and inducted McNeill into its Gallery of Distinguished Alumni. The Gallery honors those alumni who are fulfilling Gardner-Webb's mission by making positive contributions in their careers and communities.

McNeill graduated from Gardner-Webb (See MCNEILL, page 5A)



Animal Control director dies

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Long-time Hoke County employee Jimmy Carthens died last week at the age of 51.

Carthens served the county in several capacities over the years, including working at the Hoke County Sheriff's Office as a deputy and later serving as a telecommunica- (See CARTHENS, page 7A)

VIEWPOINTS

It's not the world, it's the people

The hospital gown should take the responsibility for destroying the modesty we once enjoyed between man and woman. When everyone's tail is exposed regardless of gender, little wonder that modesty ceases to exist. Tails come in all shapes and sizes and we all have one, therefore no one hides his or her eyes when that part of the anatomy is shown. The hospital gown will have to take full credit for destroying modesty.

I have told many couples that the secret to a long and happy marriage is simple—never go to bed mad, kiss your wife every morning and don't spend too much time together. There are other opinions on successful marriages which may be better than mine. Nevertheless, my friend Huckleberry Jones wasn't too successful with his wife Agnes. Huck admitted things weren't going well at home between him and Agnes. He was crying on the shoulder of his buddy Slim. One can get advice from someone who hasn't tasted the stings of



A View from the Country
Raz Autry

matrimony. Slim's advice: "You have got to be more demonstrative. When you go home tonight, grab her, kiss her, and cuddle her close to you and tell her how much you love her."

The next day the two met again. "Well, did you take my advice?" asked Slim.

"Yes," said Huck.

"How did it work?"

"Not too well. She met me at the door; I hugged her and kissed her, and said all the things you told me. She started crying and said, 'The water pipes are frozen, the baby has the flu, your mother's coming to visit us, and now you come home drunk.'"

People are yelling, "What is the world coming to? We are being run over with one scandal

after another."

There is nothing wrong with the world—it's the people in it. Colleges and universities are placing more emphasis on sports than academics. Now that is a profound statement. I am sure I am the first person to come up with it. That statement is like the wise man who gave advice whether he was asked or not. He looked over the crowd and said with a stern face, "Children are hereditary. If your parents didn't have any, the chances are you won't either."

I am sure there are courses in college that he could take, such as basket weaving or possibly a good course in streaking, as the nut did at halftime at E.C.U. Our admission folks need to look over those seeking admission to college a little more carefully.

My parting thought—Lady to the sweet little boy: "Little boy, if you will give me a kiss, I will give you a bright new quarter."

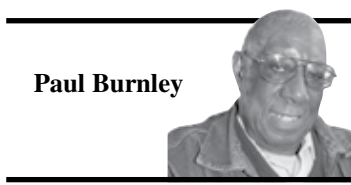
Little boy—"I get twice as much at home for just taking castor oil."

Shouldn't have to choose between food and medicine

The cost of everything has risen in recent years but medical costs have risen at a much higher rate. Yet our government officials are still debating the issue of a national health program. They always seem to formulate a health plan for their own health coverage, but when it comes to the general public, for some reason all health bills are voted down.

While our legislators debate and reject any national health plan, a great number of our citizens are losing their life's savings, as well as their homes, and filing bankruptcies because of not having health insurance. There are many that have to decide between buying food and medicine. The U.S. is the only large country in the western world that does not have medical coverage for its citizens. Countries with much smaller economies than ours have medical coverage for ALL citizens. The country of Cuba, which has a smaller economy than most of our states, has a medical plan to cover ALL its citizens.

Every day we see in newspapers, on TV and other news outlets the cries concerning the health problems in this country. Most agree a preventive health program would be the best and most cost-saving program for the country to follow. We are



Paul Burnley

urged to obtain certain tests that would alert a person to problems that could be treated before they became a larger medical problem.

Women are encouraged to get breast exams, men to have prostate and colon exams. All are recommended to have MRIs and other preventive exams to detect any problem early. This is very good and sound advice; however, these exams are very expensive, and those millions that are without medical insurance are unable to obtain these tests. If a national medical plan were in place, obtaining these tests would not be a problem.

There are a number of misunderstandings concerning a national health program. Many object because you may not be able to choose your own doctor or hospital. Under most national health plans (such as the one in Canada), if you are in a position to pay for medical service, you can go to any doctor or hospital. Most national health plans are designed for poor or low-income people who are not in a position to pay for medical coverage. At most

doctor's offices in this country, there are signs posted as you enter, "Be prepared to pay for services rendered," or words to that effect. This gives the impression that you will not be served unless you are able to pay. This is the reason some illnesses go undetected. Under a national health program, you may not be able to choose your doctor, but medical attention of some sort is better than no medical attention at all.

This country has spent billions to assist other countries to rebuild their economies as well as bring better health coverage to their citizens. Hospitals and medical centers have been built to give better medical service to these countries. Millions of Americans, including some of our veterans, are without the same medical services we are so freely donating to others.

I am not suggesting that we stop aiding other countries that are in need of our help, but I do not feel we should neglect the needs of our own poor, seniors, vets, and other Americans that are in need. If this country is so willing to assist others around the world, we should see to the needs of those in our own backyard. People should not be in a position where they have to choose between medical services and food for their tables.

Look carefully at fracking

BY SCOTT MOONEYHAM
Capitol Press Association

The grass may be green, and the cows may graze.

What your eyes can't tell you is whether the water is clean.

One group of North Carolina legislators has come back from Pennsylvania talking about green pastures after going on an industry-guided trip of that state's shale gas drilling operations.

Another group has left for a similar tour as discussions continue about opening up several counties in the central part of this state to the controversial drilling practice known as fracking.

It's a wise decision to go take a look at the Pennsylvania drilling region, where more than 4,000 of the wells have been drilled.

Legislators, no doubt, are learning that the drilling has been an economic boom for the area.

They may also be seeing that the wells and industry can pretty peacefully co-exist with the rural, agrarian surroundings.

Maybe they even want to dismiss complaints from some of the critics about sick animals and smelly fumes.

And maybe they want to believe industry officials when they say that the fracking process—where water, sand and chemicals are pumped into rock to free up the gas—is scientifically sound.

None of those findings would change some facts on the ground (or is it in the ground?) that no one disputes.

Even if the chemicals being pumped into the earth aren't harmful (which isn't certain because they've been exempted from federal Clean Water Act rules as a trade secret), what's coming out

of the ground can be.

The fracking process releases organic compounds like benzene, a known carcinogen, and salts that can contaminate drinking water.

When the stuff comes up, the gas companies either pump it back into the earth via deep injection wells, store it in retention ponds, or try to get local treatment plants to treat it and send the treated water into the rivers.

A recent piece in The New York Times Magazine pointed out that dealing with the wastewater has been a problem in Pennsylvania. The companies can't use the deep injection wells because of the geology; wastewater treatment plants aren't equipped to treat the salt.

There also have been spills, leaks and breakdowns.

The same company that has been leading North Carolina leg-

islators on its tour was ordered to pay a record fine in Pennsylvania after bad casings on some of its gas wells caused 16 family drinking wells to become contaminated with methane.

What's also not in dispute is that North Carolina's shale gas deposits run along the same geological formations and riverbeds used to form the Raleigh-Durham area's two main water supplies—Jordan Lake and Falls of the Neuse Lake.

The tributaries that form two of the largest rivers flowing through eastern North Carolina—the Cape Fear River and the Neuse River—move across the deposits.

If legislators don't understand the stakes involved, they better wake up.

Get this wrong and more than a third of the state's residents could be paying a price.



My Encounter at the Atlanta Airport

Yesterday, my wife Barb and I were in the Atlanta airport coming home from a trip, and we stopped in the On The Border Mexican restaurant for lunch. I noticed a soldier sitting by himself, so I walked over and introduced myself and asked him if he was shipping out or coming home. I always do this whenever I see a soldier, just to let them know that we appreciate what they do and care about them. Master Sergeant Bailey informed me that he was waiting there to take 137 boys back home to Dallas. He said he was in Iraq last year but now is stationed in the U.S. I offered to buy his lunch, but he was just having some free chips, so I told him how much we appreciate what he and the other boys do.

He stood up, shook my hand and said "thank you very much for the support."

I walked back over to my seat and Barb and I began eating our lunch. A few minutes later I noticed that he had left. Then, our waiter came to our table with a napkin with what I thought was a credit card inside, so I assumed it was a mistake, since I had not yet paid. He then unfolded the napkin and we saw a handwritten note from MSG Bailey and a patch (which I have found out is for the National Guard). Then the waiter told us that MSG Bailey had bought OUR lunch and asked that he not tell us who had done it. My wife and I were overwhelmed. I'm attaching a photo of the napkin and the patch, which will get framed and go on our



will at home.

Perhaps each of you can do the same for any soldiers you see, whether it be at the grocery store, a restaurant or the airport. It is heartwarming to see a soldier's face light up when they know that someone cares enough to stop and thank them for putting their lives on the line for the rest of us.

One final thought on this story.... it wasn't until today that I realized the coincidence in MSG Bailey's name—the same as the lead character in "It's A Wonderful Life." Let's do our part to help all of the soldiers we see have a better life as well. Please forward this to all your friends. Let's thank as many soldiers as we can.

Jim Crissman, in an email to his friends.

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Obituaries

Edward B. Lockridge

Edward (Eddie) B. Lockridge of 3321 Aberdeen Road died Saturday, November 19, 2011 in his home at the age of 66.

He was employed with Kelly Springfield for over 30 years before he retired. His hobbies were NASCAR and riding motorcycles.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Harris Lockridge of Raeford; a daughter, Cindy McDonald and husband Michael of Fayetteville; three stepsons, Richard Wilkes and wife Lisa of Aberdeen, Bryan Keith Wilkes and wife Teresa of Rockfish, and Wayne Wilkes and wife Teresa of Rowland; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 22 at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Edge officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Foundation of Hoke County, PO Box 1584, Raeford, NC 28376.

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

Robert L. McFadyen

Robert Lewis McFadyen, 88, of 326 Church Street, Red Springs, died Sunday, November 20, 2011.

He was born October 17, 1923 in Hoke County to the late D.B. and Jessie S. McFadyen.

He was a successful businessman and owner of Red Springs Fuel Oil Company, Inc. He was a member of the N.C. Petroleum Gas Association, N.C. Oil Jobbers Association, the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce, the St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce,

and the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce. He spent most of his adult life in Robeson County and was very supportive of his community, serving on various boards in leadership roles such as president of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce and fire chief. He was a proud member of the Red Springs Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Louise McFadyen of the home; a son, Robert Loudious (Bobby) McFadyen of the home; a daughter, Jessie M. Tolar and friend Don Summey of Red Springs; a grandson, Robert B. Tolar and wife Rochelle of Raleigh; two granddaughters, Christina T. Horner and husband Charles of San Antonio, Texas, and Jessie Elaine Tolar and friend Christopher Rezac of Wilmington; a great-grandson, Robert A. Todd of San Antonio. One of 10 children, he is also survived by two sisters, Frances McCreery and husband Robert of Ponte Verda, Florida, and Willa Lindsay, widow of Harmon of Southern Pines.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 23 at Red Springs Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Michael McGehee officiating. Interment was in Alloway Cemetery.

Charlie H. Chandler Sr.

Charlie Henry Chandler Sr., 83, of Raeford passed away Monday, November 21, 2011 at Cary Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born July 16, 1928 in Wadesboro to Lizzie Keel and Brailey Chandler. He retired from the



Charlie H. Chandler Sr.

State of North Carolina as a boiler room operator in McCain. For many years, he was a barber for the patients at McCain Hospital. He also spent many years employed as a nursing assistant. He was an avid deer hunter and fisherman but mostly he enjoyed sharing God's word with others.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Annie Mildred Patterson Chandler; three daughters, Loretta Patterson Graham, Lorraine Patterson Carpenter, both of Raeford, and Mary Chandler Armstrong of Cary; five sons, Charles Chandler of Rochester, New York, Frank Chandler, William Chandler, Charlie Henry Chandler Jr. and Allen Chandler, all of Raeford; four sisters, Lizzie B. Jacobs of Pervis, Geneva Calhoun of Rowland, Bernice Morris and Catherine Peterkin, both of Raeford; one brother, Marvin Chandler of Rowland; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and close friends, whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Willie Chandler of Rowland, Elroy Chandler of Brooklyn, New York, Allen Chandler of Rowland, and Son Chandler of Laurinburg; and three sisters, Christine Gay of Laurinburg, Lillie B. Sturdivant of Woodbury, New Jersey and Maggie Lee Little, of Evergreen.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 26 at Cox Memorial Funeral Home from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The funeral will be held Saturday, November 26 at 1 p.m. at Cox Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop McKoy and Bishop Leroy Chandler officiating. Burial will follow at Laurinburg Memorial Cemetery, 305 West Church Street, Laurinburg.

Online condolences may be sent to www.coxmemorialfuneralhome.com.

Daisy L. Flowers

Daisy Lee Flowers, 68, of Raeford died Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Survivors include two nieces and a nephew.

The funeral was held Thursday, November 17 at 3 p.m. in Buie Funeral Home in Raeford. Burial was in New Beginning Church cemetery.

Clyde W. McMillan

Clyde W. McMillan, 63, of 905 Loop Road died Monday, November 14, 2011.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Jackie; brothers, Freddie, Allen and Dennis; and a sister, Michele.

The funeral was held Saturday, November 19 at 2 p.m. in Jones & Little's Mortuary in Aberdeen.

Jimmy Carthens

Jimmy Carthens, 51, of Red Springs died Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

Survivors include his mother, Rosa; a daughter, Jenese; sisters, Odessa McLinnaham and Tausha; a brother, Lorenzo; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, November 19 at 1 p.m. in Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Maxton. Burial was in Center Grove Church cemetery.

Samuel McMillan

Samuel McMillan, 66, of Raeford died Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Survivors include his son, Thomas; brothers, John, Earnest, Leslie Jr., James, Bobby, Willie, Leslie, Kenneth and Donald; sisters, Delores, Channie Griffin, Lucille, and Brenda Brown; and five granddaughters.

The funeral was held Sunday, November 20 at 1 p.m. in Matthew Rouse Resource Center. Burial was in Daniels Temple Church cemetery.

Jimmy Bridges

Jimmy Bridges, 65, of 240 Twin Creek Drive died Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria; daughters, Demetris, Dionne and Tiffany; a son, Jerry; siblings, James, Hattie, Willie, Selestee, John and Ransom; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Wednesday, November 23 at 1 p.m. in Miracle Temple Church. Burial will in Rockfish Memorial Park.

Carolyn J. Williams

Elder Carolyn Jean Jones Williams, 66, died Friday, November 18, 2011.

She faithfully served at the New Shady Grove Baptist Church as church secretary, senior Sunday school teacher, nurses' aid, and pastors' aid—wherever needed in the church. She faithfully witnessed the Love of God to the members of St. Joseph of Southern Pines, Manor Care of Pinehurst, Autumn Care of Raeford and many others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie McAllister and Howard and Marie Miller, and her husband, Deacon Wisdom (June) Williams.

Survivors include six children, Valerie Wright and husband Clyde of Raeford, Mary Ann Butts of Blackwell, New Jersey, Kenneth D. Jones of the home, Theodore Williams of Fayetteville, David

Williams and Yvonne Williams, both of Aberdeen; 23 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; siblings, Ronald Williams and wife Jean of Fayetteville, Yvonne Graham and husband David of Greensboro, Joanne Bease and Madelyn Miller, both of Charlotte, Sharon Valentine and husband George of Fayetteville, Howard Miller Jr. of Charlotte, Apostle Beverly McAllister Jackson of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Jessie McAllister of Prince George County, Maryland, Carl McAllister of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Jeffery McAllister of Queens, New York, and Juanita Ross of Wagram. She was preceded in death by Ronald McAllister, also of Prince George County, Maryland. Also surviving are a special aunt Ella Mae McAllister, a special cousin Willie Bobby Jones, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The funeral was held Tuesday, November 22 at 1 p.m. in New Shady Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Sought



Chief Probation/Parole Officer Percy Moore is seeking Cordero Handberry for alleged parole violation. He is 23, a black male, weighs 149 pounds and is 5'9" tall. Anyone with information should call Moore at (910) 875-5081.



Chief Probation/Parole Officer Percy Moore is seeking Lakeisha Harris for alleged parole violation. She is 31, a black female, weighs 165 pounds and is 5'3" tall. Anyone with information should call Moore at (910) 875-5081.



Chief Probation/Parole Officer Percy Moore is seeking Brandon Cummings for alleged parole violation. He is 24, an Indian male, weighs 130 pounds and is 5'5" tall. Anyone with information should call Moore at (910) 875-5081.



Chief Probation/Parole Officer Percy Moore is seeking Jose Luis Garduno for alleged parole violation. He is 27, a Hispanic male, weighs 150 pounds and is 5'4" tall. Anyone with information should call Moore at (910) 875-5081.



Chief Probation/Parole Officer Percy Moore is seeking Bennie King for alleged parole violation. He is 19, a black male, weighs 170 pounds and is 5'6" tall. Anyone with information should call Moore at (910) 875-5081.

Homeless

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referred to an appropriate agency, and 40 percent of all calls were from first-time callers, Beatty said.

In addition to taking calls from Hoke County, the organization also receives calls from surrounding counties, the Department of Social Services, doctors' offices and local schools. The group fed about 450-500 people during outreach events and supplied food to an average of three families and/or individuals every month. The coalition also donated school supplies, funds for students needing school uniforms, and provided emergency transportation funds to people in need.

Next year, Beatty hopes to acquire a housing facility in Raeford for transitional housing for homeless women and children so they can repair their credit, rebuild relationships with their children and families, acquire a GED or other education and obtain stable careers. She also hopes to increase the financial ability to handle the rise in calls and provide paid professional positions and maintenance to support a newly acquired transitional home in Red Springs.

For more information about the Hoke County Coalition Against Homelessness, contact Beatty at 261-5894.

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Town hall meeting focuses on education, jobs

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Education spending, jobs and the economy were the hottest topics discussed at a town hall meeting held last week by state representatives Garland Pierce and Charles Graham.

Pierce, a Democrat from Wagram representing Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties, and Graham, a Democrat from Lumberton representing Robeson County, fielded questions from a group of about 25 people who attended the meeting. The representatives also asked local officials present at the meeting a few questions of their own.

Pierce asked Hoke County Schools Superintendent Dr. Freddie Williamson to discuss the school system's finances and explain where its education lottery money went.

The education lottery money in Hoke County filled in gaps left when other funding sources

were cut, Williamson said. The school system also used lottery money to help build Don Steed Elementary. The funding also helped Hoke County Schools keep its kindergarten through third grade classes smaller than they otherwise would have been.

"If we didn't have it, we'd be in worse shape than we are," the superintendent said.

The school system, like other school systems in the state, must decide every year where to cut millions from its budget and return that money to the state.

"It's an easy thing to say we allocated money, but we had to give back, in our case, \$2.9 million last year," Williamson said.

The Hoke County school system has not had to cut teachers but did cut teachers' assistants at the beginning of the year. Next year, the school system will be facing an additional \$500,000 in cuts and will likely lose money from an expired jobs bill, the

superintendent said.

"At some point it's going to show in the classroom and direct service," he said.

Williamson also said some decisions at the state level restrict school districts from controlling aspects of local education.

"When we start and end school should be a local decision," he said.

Pierce said he understands where the school systems are coming from with their concerns.

"Our educators need to be in an environment where politics doesn't hamper them from doing what they need to do," he said.

Schools aren't the only ones hit by challenges in a tough economy. People are holding onto their money and not spending much or creating jobs, Pierce said.

But to the average person on the street, "That stuff means

nothing to them. They want to know—'I need a job,'" he said.

The job situation is going to become even more pressing as deployed veterans return home from Afghanistan and Iraq and begin looking for jobs, George Balch said.

"I'm concerned about what we're going to do about all our troops," he told the representatives.

North Carolina has passed "a lot of legislation" this year to help military members and their families, Pierce responded. Pierce also took the opportunity to speak in support of President Barack Obama's proposed jobs bill.

But a tax break won't work if the jobs aren't there, local businessman David Averette contended.

"Before I hire anybody, I've got to have the work," Averette said. "It's not something you can legislate and make these jobs happen. You've got to make this climate such that we can go

out and hire people."

Pierce acknowledged Averette's comments and said that legislators should be mindful of the business climate.

"We don't want to have a lot of barriers that will stop jobs from coming to the area," Pierce said. "We want a safe environment, a safe community, but you can legislate your way right out of having a business coming to your area."

Averette also spoke in favor of doing away with several federal departments and instead using tax money locally to provide for schools and other services. The schools should receive more funding, and legislators should look at moving money from other sources to provide that extra money, he suggested.

"Things that everybody uses, those are the things we should do," Averette said.

The state is considering consolidating some departments to cut down on costs, Graham reported.

"That's being looked at real seriously, and trying to eliminate excessive spending," he said.

Commissioner Ellen McNeill also made a point of speaking against cross-county annexation during the town hall meeting.

"Please remember Hoke County never, ever wants any annexation across county lines," she told Pierce and Graham.

The representatives also briefly discussed the state's ongoing redistricting plans, which are currently under review by the courts. If the existing plans go through, State House District 48, which Pierce currently represents, will in the future include parts of multiple counties including Richmond and Montgomery counties along with parts of Scotland, Robeson and Hoke.

Pierce can be reached at 369-2844 and Graham can be reached at 739-3969.

Three arrested in smuggling scheme

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Raeford police arrested three people last week on charges of allegedly attempting to smuggle drugs and cigarettes into a prison.

Officials learned Adam Brent Bass, 33, planned to have his girlfriend meet him with drugs so he could smuggle them into the prison, according to reports. Bass was jailed at McCain Prison but allowed out as a trustee to perform work at the National Guard Armory.

Narcotics Task Force officers with the Raeford Police Department and the Hoke County Sheriff's Office followed up on the complaint and performed surveillance of the area between the Armory and the FirstHealth complex on Teal Drive. Officers were able to intercept the individuals in the FirstHealth parking



Bass



Ivey



Eason

lot. Authorities reportedly discovered methadone, oxycodone and plastic straws with white residue in the vehicle.

Bass was arrested on a felony charge of conspiracy and held under a \$200,000 secured bond. His girlfriend, Pamela Ivey, 47, of 2231 Old Boardman Road in Evergreen was arrested on charges of two counts of trafficking opium and one count each of conspiracy and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held under a

\$200,000 secured bond.

Ginger Shae Eason, 38, of 401 Edward Avenue in Bladenboro was allegedly driving the car for Ivey. Eason was arrested on charges of two counts of trafficking opium, conspiracy, maintaining a vehicle for controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held under a \$200,000 secured bond.

The Raeford Police Department thanked the Sheriff's Office for assisting.

Fire

(Continued from page 1A) from the house. Conditions inside the house created what is known as a backdraft explosion, Tapp said.

Backdraft explosions happen when oxygen-rich air surges into an environment that's on fire. The explosions are very dangerous, especially to any firefighters battling the flames, but in this case the

explosion happened before any of the responders entered the home.

"That's a danger for us, that's something that's always possible," Tapp said.

The house sustained heavy damage from fire and smoke. Investigators allowed the family to return and salvage belongings from the home Monday.

The family got out of the house and called 911 after the smoke detectors woke them up. The Raeford Fire Department responded to the call, along with mutual aid stations Hillcrest Fire Department, North Raeford Fire Department, West Hoke Fire Department, the Raeford Police Department, Med1 and the Hoke County Rescue Squad.



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Locklear wins ultimate tailgating trailer

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Ricky Locklear, owner of Locklear and Locklear Auto, is a long way from the Pennsylvania home where he grew up cheering for the Pittsburgh Steelers but he'll find it easier to cheer on his favorite team in his new \$15,000 "Ultimate Tailgating" trailer.

Locklear was one of three people in North Carolina to win a tricked-out trailer from an Advance Auto Parts competition for commercial customers. The Wagner brake pad and brake shoe manufacturer joined with Advance Auto Parts to hold the drawing and also provided the trailers. Locklear just happened to be one of the lucky winners, the store commercial account manager said.

Locklear said he forgot all about entering the sweepstakes until he got a phone call from Advance Auto Parts.

"They said, 'you're getting a



Locklear with the \$50,000 winnings.

Fed-Ex delivery," he said. Then he learned what would be delivered. He couldn't believe it at first, he said.

Locklear and his daughter, Nicole Locklear, and employees Bridget Locklear, Marlon McNeill and Julia Murr also got a free party last week at the Advance store in Raeford.

Pittsburgh is a little too far for

a weekend road trip but Locklear he plans to take his employees to Charlotte to enjoy the trailer at Panthers games.

"I like it, I think it's really nice," Nicole Locklear said, as she examined the new trailer. The \$15,000 trailer includes a 42-inch flatscreen television, a year of free DirecTV service, a mini-fridge, grill, generator and even an onboard bathroom.

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National Farm-City Week, the seven days leading to and including Thanksgiving Day, has been proclaimed each year by the President of the United States to emphasize the successful partnerships between rural and urban residents who make our food and fiber system the envy of the world. To acknowledge Farm-City Week, Hoke County third-grade students participated in agricultural field days at a local farm. Fourth-grade students

Clarification

In a recent story about the McBryde family, The News-Journal should have also mentioned Kim McBryde, daughter of John David and Dorothy McBryde. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister currently attending seminary at Emory University in Atlanta. She plans to work in counseling people with post-traumatic stress disorder when she graduates in May 2012.



Extension Today

Keith Walters

participated in an essay contest. One contest winner from each school will receive a savings bond that will be presented to them at the Farm-City Week Breakfast.

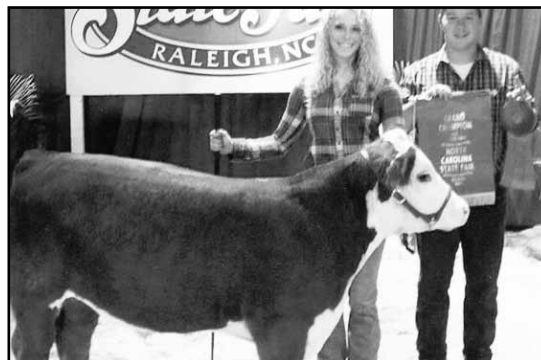
“Partners in Progress” is the ongoing theme of Farm-City Week. The key is the interdependence among those who produce the products, those who consume the products, and all those in the production and marketing chain between the producer and consumer.

Farmers and ranchers do not work alone. Farm workers, researchers, processors, ship-

pers, truck drivers, inspectors, wholesalers, agribusinesses, marketers, advertisers, retailers and consumers all play important roles in the incredible productivity of our nation’s food and fiber system.

As we prepare to gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, it is fitting that we count among our blessings the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our rich agricultural resources, and they continue to contribute to our health and well-being and to the strength of our economy.

It is a time to say Thank You to all those who make the Farm-City connection so successful.



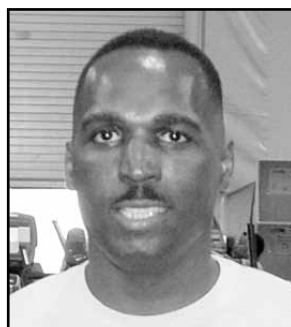
Grand champs

N.C. State University students and Animal Science Club members Byron Pilkington, son of Gay and Tom Pilkington, and Kathleen Wood, daughter of Sharon and Richard Wood, won Grand Champion in the pen of three competition at the North Carolina State Fair. Also winning was Landon Rodriguez (not pictured).



McNeill

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in 1974 with a bachelor of arts in Political Science and then earned his master’s from Clemson University



Promoted

Darrick D. Cunningham, a native of Raeford, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to lieutenant colonel. He is the son of Jackson Knight and Dorothy Cunningham McKoy. He is the grandson of the late L.C. Cunningham, Lucille Cunningham and Geneva Knight. Cunningham is the flight commander for United Kingdom Health Promotions Flight, 48th Medical Group Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom. He received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in 1997. He was a part of the inaugural Army ROTC class at Hoke High School and attributes much of his success to mentoring received as a high school junior and senior from the late Command Sergeant Major Aaron Williams.

in 1977. He has spent more than 35 years in higher education and has been the vice president for Development at Auburn University since 2008. After beginning his career as the field director for Clemson’s Alumni Association in 1977, he has held numerous executive offices in Advancement and Development for Clemson, N.C. State University, the University of Alabama, Presbyterian College, and now Auburn.

Assuming his role amidst a nationwide economic crisis, McNeill was able to maintain Auburn’s giving levels in 2008 and then broke fundraising records in each of the next two years. In 2010, the Office

of Development under McNeill’s leadership raised more than \$240 million, exceeding its yearly goal by 276 percent. But as one of McNeill’s coworkers, Patti H. Northcutt, wrote, the true extent of McNeill’s accomplishments cannot be quantified. Calling herself an “inherited employee” after McNeill was hired at Auburn, Northcutt shared how McNeill encouraged her to complete the bachelor’s degree she began in 1982, even taking on added responsibilities to ensure that her class time was uninterrupted.

Gallery members are nominated by their peers and chosen by representatives from the University.

Director

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tion from their decision.”

The department is looking for a candidate with a combination of experience and education. According to the request for applications, the right candidate for the job must have either a bachelor’s degree in public health administration or public administration and at least three years experience in health programs or services; a master’s degree in public health administration and at least one year of experience in health programs or services; a

master’s degree in a different public health discipline and at least three years of employment experience in health programs or health services; a master’s degree in public administration and at least two years of experience in health programs

or services; or a master’s degree in a field related to public health and at least three years of employment experience in health programs or services.

The minimum training and experience requirements are in accordance with DS 130A-40 and state general statute 130A-45.5. The state health director will have to make a determination about master’s degrees that relate to public health.

Women, Infants and Children program Director Helene Edwards has been serving as the interim director since April, when the Board of Health placed former Health Director Cynthia Oxendine on administrative leave. The Board of Health fired Oxendine in September for “unacceptable personal conduct.”

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SPORTS

2011 Fall Athletic Awards continued

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The Hoke High Athletic Department held their annual Fall Athletic Awards program last week. Last week, some of the winners were highlighted. This week, the athletes who were honored with awards in cheerleading, girls' golf, and boys' and girls' cross country are recognized. Next week we will recognize the football team awardees and the all-conference awardees.

Sports Briefs

The Hoke County Parks and Recreation Department held their annual Parks and Recreation Football Jamboree last week. Teams from Hoke County were matched up with teams from Hope Mills Parks and Recreation. The results were as follows: Hoke County Pee Wee Steelers lost to Hope Mills Pee Wee Eagles 0-6, Hoke County Pee Wee Panthers beat Hope Mills Pee Wee Cowboys 10-0, Hoke County Midget Cowboys lost to Hope Mills Midget Tigers 24-14, and Hoke County Midget Eagles lost to Hope Mills Midget Redskins 38-0.

The Hoke High Athletic Department is publishing a Winter Sports Poster/Calendar of Varsity Basketball, Varsity Wrestling, Varsity Bowling and Varsity Cheerleading. Approximately 250 posters will be printed with all the varsity photos and schedules on them. The 19 x 26 inch full color poster will have business card advertising spots on it for \$150 a spot. Call or email Gary Brigman to reserve your spot before December 2. Call 910-286-2346 or email GBrigman@hcs.k12.nc.us.



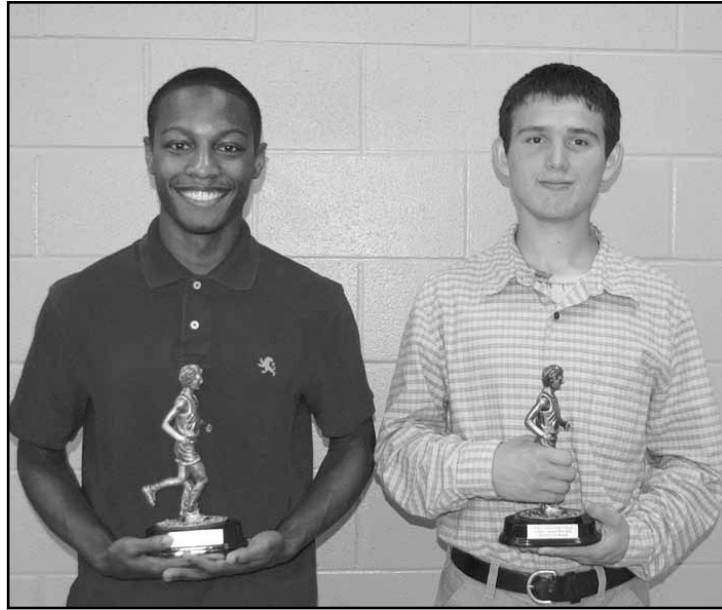
Girls' Golf: Alicia Arrington-Coaches' Award (left to right), Sage Evans-MVP and Ashlynn Priest-Team Before Self Award



Cheerleading Awards: Lilly Quigley-Academic Award (left) and Krystal Anthony-Most Improved (right)



Girls' Cross Country Awards: Daisy Bandy-Most Improved (left) and Ailexondra Lyoyd-Coaches' Award (right)

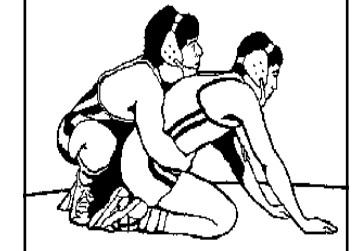


Boys' Cross Country Awards: Aaron Kidd-MVP Runner (left) and Wesley Turner-Coaches' Award (right). Not pictured: Ka'Ron McKoy-Most Improved

Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

November 23

- Girls JV Basketball at Red Springs 3:30 p.m.
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January 9 - May 9/10
Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-2 pm
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Wreck

(Continued from page Skibo Road in Fayetteville.

Laffea, who was seven months pregnant, was driving toward Raeford on Raeford Road at about 9:12 a.m. Friday when she ran a red light at Skibo Road, according to police. Laffea's 2001 Hyundai struck a 2009 Toyota driven by Courtney Gardiner, 32, of the 2500 block of Silver Bell Loop Road in Fayetteville, as Gardiner was turning right onto Raeford Road. Laffea then veered left of center and struck three vehicles stopped on Raeford Road waiting to turn left onto Skibo Road.

After striking the vehicles, Laffea's Hyundai overturned and landed on its top in the roadway. Laffea and her nine-year-old son were taken

to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center where Laffea and her unborn baby passed away. Her son was listed in stable condition, according to reports.

During the accident, Laffea's vehicle struck a 2000 Toyota driven by Cassie Thomas, 26, of the 1400 block of Oldstead Drive in Fayetteville, a 2003 Ford driven by Gary Eldridge, 57, of the 200 block of Meadowfield Circle in Meadowfield and a 2010 Mazda driven by Melissa Mastropietro, 30, of the 200 block of Lennox Loop in Raeford. None of the other drivers involved were injured.

Raeford Road was closed until about 10:25 a.m. Friday while emergency responders aided Laffea and cleared the scene.

Chief

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Jagers used a Taser on the woman after she resisted an officer who grabbed her arm. Strickland also fought against police and Fields used a Taser on him as well during the incident, according to the lawsuit account.

Mother and son were both charged with assaulting a government official and resisting a public officer. The District Attorney's office later dismissed the charges against Strickland and his mother.

Other incidents

The lawsuit also cites other alleged incidents involving Harnett County officers. Fields, who is white, "had a reputation for being a brutal police officer among many blacks in Harnett County from his conduct while serving with the Harnett County Sheriff's Office, the Lillington Police Department and the Town of Coats Police Department, and many of blacks who know of Fields' reputation expected to get a 'beat down' if they were stopped by

Fields at night," the lawsuit alleges. The lawsuit describes other alleged incidents involving Fields and the other defendants.

The lawsuit filed against the town of Coats, Jagers, Fields, Storichs, Lee and Blackman seeks compensatory and punitive damages and other relief. Jagers, "in his individual capacity, is further alleged to be liable under both direct and supervisory grounds," according to the lawsuit documents. The town of Coats is being sued on municipal liability grounds, with plaintiffs alleging the town allowed direct constitutional violations by a decision maker.

City Manager Mike Wood said he is aware of the lawsuit but has not yet read the complete lawsuit document.

"I don't know that anything that happened in Coats would have any affect on his position in Raeford," the Raeford city manager said Tuesday.

Jagers declined to comment on the matter.

Other stuff

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our second or third cups of wake-up juice, in the lobby of the Atlanta Civic Center Sunday morning, and were told we'd form a circle around the famous Christian musician David Crowder, aim our iPhones at him, and on the count of three, snap a picture, which would be uploaded to the sound and video professionals who would turn it into a strobing movie for use when Crowder played that night what amounts to his swan song.

"Cool," we all said, almost in unison.

Me and my iPhone were given the number three, and because I'd been about half a second late arriving—those sound guys had been up all night and had evidently replaced their blood with coffee and were anxious to get things going early—I was still fiddling with the complicated settings we were supposed to put in the phone. Type, type, type, type, type, done. "Phew... that was close."

"Ready?" the guy called. "One, two, three, SNAP!" he said as we aimed at him in a test run.

He disappeared for a second, came back into the room, and announced, "that was great, except that one camera didn't upload because it had the wrong settings."

I knew deep in my heart I was about to be famous.

"Number three, you left out a forward slash in your path."

Sheepishly, I fixed my path and we tried again (and a second time).

Finally, our tests were working and we were ready for the big moment.

"Uh, change of plans," he announced. "Crowder won't be here for a sound check after all, so we're going to do this live. On stage. During the morning program."

You'd thought we'd just made Carnegie Hall. We were going to the front of the auditorium, to a domain

where few of us geeks had ever been, and we'd be on the platform that raised up and lowered down like magic.

As we found out as the morning program of speakers and bands began, the special front-row reserved seating they gave us put us in what I call the ear drum perforation zone, right in front of loudspeakers so big you could hear them in a middle school cafeteria.

The first band was called Superchick, which featured a singer who looks like Raeford's own Debbie Bullard, a drummer, and two guys who played their "axes" while jumping annoyingly like poodles on and off the furniture. They were so loud that when I whipped out my decibel meter iPhone app and checked the level it pegged at 105 decibels, the highest the app will register. "Good gosh, I'm going to die in the service of my art," I thought.

Loud as it was I still couldn't understand the words. I turned to the fellow next to me and yelled in his ear, "Is she saying 'white girl revolution'?" He yelled back, "I think it's 'one girl revolution.'"

She started a slow song about beauty from pain, but I was thinking, "That's more like pain from beauty, miss."

Finally, it was Crowder time, and we "took" the stage and shot our photo. Almost anticlimactic.

Then a guy next to me said, "I'm not leaving."

Yes, we realized at once that we had the coveted mosh pit location for the duration of Crowder's concert.

And that is why, if you ever see a tape of the David Crowder swan song performance, you'll notice that nobody in the mosh pit is jumping up or down, waving lights, passing bodies or crushing each other—just 43 geeks all aiming their iPhones at Crowder for up-close souvenir videos. Real art. ♦

Carthens

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tor. He was an animal control officer from 1996 to 2001, when he was named Animal Control director, according to the county Human Resources Department.

County Manager Tim Johnson said Carthens always had a smile for others.

"I feel bad that I didn't know Jimmy but three years. He was a fine, fine man. I don't think I ever heard him say anything ugly about anybody. He's really going to be missed," Johnson said.

Carthens, of Red Springs, served

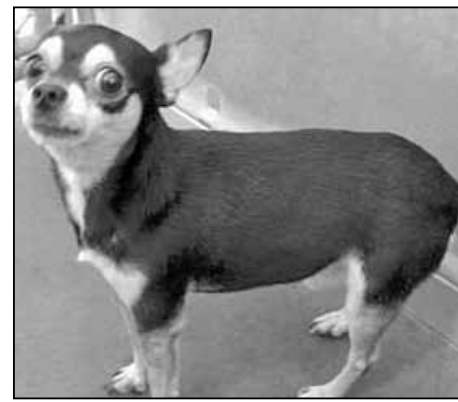
in the military before the county hired him, the county manager said. Carthens was also a long-time volunteer firefighter at the South Antioch Fire Department.

Carthens passed away Wednesday, November 16. A funeral was held Saturday, November 19 at 1 p.m. in Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Maxton. He was buried at Center Grove Church.

He is survived by his mother, Rosa; daughter, Jenese; sisters, Odessa McLinnaham and Tausha; brother, Lorenzo; and four grandchildren.

Pet of the Week

Brownie is a male Chihuahua who needs a home. He is kind and gentle. The adoption fee is \$90 for dogs and \$60 for cats, and both include a spay/neuter, microchip, and rabies vaccination. For more information, call the Hoke Animal Shelter at 875-4827.



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