

SOCIALS

Engagements

Rozier—Starkey

Ronnie and Barbara Branch of Raeford and Morris and Jill Rozier of St. Pauls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeana Rozier to Thomas Starkey, son of Dr. William and Joan Greenwood of Fayetteville and Larry Starkey of Linden.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Dorothy Kinlaw and Evelyn Branch of Raeford. She is a graduate of Hoke High School and a 2009 graduate of UNC-Pembroke where she majored in Elementary Education (K-6). She is a fourth-grade Language Arts teacher at Long Branch Elementary School in Lumberton.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Pine Forest High



Thomas Starkey and Jeana Rozier

School and a 2009 graduate of Fayetteville State University where he majored in Banking and Finance. He is employed by State Employees' Credit Union in Fayetteville.

An outdoor ceremony is planned for 4 p.m. April 28 at Gates Four Golf and Country Club, with a reception to follow.



Gleaners

Gilbert McGregor of west Hoke County didn't want collards to go to waste so a team from Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines gleaned his field and harvested nearly 800 pounds for the Sandhills Food Bank. McGregor says he hopes to find a similar outlet in Hoke County for another field.

Autry in final five

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

With just three episodes to go, Lindsay Autry is one of five people still in the running for the coveted Top Chef title on the ninth season of the popular cook-off television show.

Autry won last week's challenge with her dish of stuffed zucchini with braised beef cheeks, rice and goat cheese with a salad of greens and pickled carrots and celery. During the episode, the contestants were given bicycles and instructed to shop for their own ingredients. Actor Paul Reubens, best known as Pee-wee Herman from the 1980's children's television show Pee-wee's Playhouse, was a guest judge on the episode.

Autry's dishes have scored high marks from celebrity judges since her week nine win. She also previously won a Quickfire Challenge that asked the chefs to make a dish using only ingredients in a survival kit.

Chefs Paul Qui, Edward Lee and Sarah Grueneberg are also still competing for the grand prize. One other chef will rejoin the group to make the final five. The Top Chef: Texas winner will receive prizes including \$125,000 and a feature in Food & Wine Magazine. Autry has already won several thousand dollars in prize money from winning challenges during the show.

Top Chef: Texas taped last summer, but the network keeps the winner secret until the big reveal scheduled for the final episode. If Autry wins the title, it will be only the second time in the show's history that a female chef claimed the prize.

Autry, granddaughter of Raz and Ireni Autry, spent a lot of time at her grandfather's peach orchard in Hoke County while she was growing up. She got her first cooking job at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville and earned two degrees from Johnson and Wales University in Charlotte. She is executive chef at the Omphoy Ocean Resort and Michelle Bernstein restaurant in Palm Beach.

The show airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on the Bravo network.

Museum sets schedule for coming year

By CONNIE F. ELLIS
Hoke-Raeford Museum contributor

Shirley Wright attended the first meeting for 2012 as a new member and nine others joined her January 17.

The Raeford-Hoke Museum, the Chamber of Commerce and The News-Journal had Santa Claus at the museum for three Saturdays in December and many children visited. It was good publicity for the museum.

The Christmas Open House in December was a big success with plenty of good food for everyone.

Everyone sold pecans through the holidays. The museum received benefits throughout the year from the Music Man play, the spaghetti supper, DVD sales, selling of pavers, and the book sales for "Images of America, Hoke County". The pavers, DVDs

and books are still available at the museum.

David Willis donated a chandelier for the Military Room to the museum.

Two outside buildings were built this year, the door for the horseless carriage was done, and remodeling was finished for two inside rooms.

A day was set aside for Christmas decorations to be taken down and stored by Mary Neil King and Delia McNeill.

One person has been assigned by Social Services to work five days a week from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the museum. Joyce Monroe will work with her each day to update many files that are in the museum. They hope to get all documents up to date.

Lynette Dial is working on the next newsletter and she and Joyce Monroe are working on the (See MUSEUM, page 3B)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Items should be submitted for the Community Calendar by noon Friday before the publication date. You are asked to keep in mind that paste-up of the calendar page is done on Monday before publication. Also, if an ongoing item has been discontinued or needs to be changed, you are asked to contact the editor as soon as possible.

February 8
SENIOR BINGO will be held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Hoke County Public Library. All seniors are welcome to come. There will be refreshments and prizes. Contact Parks and Recreation at 875-4035 for more information.

February 9 - April 19
"IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!" WELLNESS PROGRAM — A 15-week wellness program designed to promote healthy lifestyles begins today from 12 - 1 p.m. at Hoke County Cooperative Extension. The meetings will be held each Thursday. To register call 875-3717 ext. 2106, Ulva Little, Health Educator. Registration fee is \$20.00 and includes educational notebooks and supplies. The total value of the program is over \$700. Incentives will be offered along with the participants' weight loss successes. There will be a grand finale in April. A Support Group is held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Hoke County Cooperative Extension for past participants of

the "It's All About You" Wellness Program. This program is sponsored by Hoke County Health Center and Hoke County Cooperative Extension.

February — June
AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED (ADULT/CHILD/INFANT) classes will be held the 1st and 3rd Friday and 3rd Saturday of each month. Friday classes are from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday classes are from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Classes may be changed or cancelled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. To register or for more information call the Hoke County Health Center at (910) 875-3717 ext. 2106.

February 13
SENIOR BINGO will be held from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the LE McLaughlin (senior room). All seniors are welcome to come. There will be refreshments and prizes. Contact Parks and Recreation at 875-4035 for more information.

February 15
 The **JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC)** will hold its next **MEETING** at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 127 W. Elwood Ave. This meeting is open to the public. RSVP to Peggy at (910) 875-4532 because lunch will be served.

February 17
 Hoke County Parks & Recreation presents **FRIDAY NIGHT**

SENIOR SOCIAL from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the LE McLaughlin (senior room). There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, card and board games and line dancing. The fee is \$2 per person. If you are interested, call 875-4035 and let us know you plan to attend.

February 18
 Hoke Reading/Literacy Council will provide a **TUTOR TRAINING CLASS** from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Literacy Council office, 125 W. Elwood Ave. Registration is required due to available space. Call (910) 875-2145 to register.

February 27
 The **DSS BOARD MEETING** will be held in the Commissioner's Room located in the Pratt Building at 4 p.m.

March 28 - April 1
 The **HOKEE POKEE BBQ FESTIVAL & CARNIVAL** will be held out by East Hoke Middle School. There will be a BBQ cook-off, rides, games, carnival foods, entertainment, vendors and more. For more info, go to www.hokefest.com. This event will help raise money for the East Hoke Middle School Student Initiative Program and the Hoke County Schools EC Department/Special Olympics.

April 27-28
"Getting Wild For A Cure" - RELAY FOR LIFE will be held at Hoke County High School beginning at 2 p.m. Friday thru



noon Saturday.
August 18-26
 Hoke County Parks & Recreation presents: **MACKINAC ISLAND TRIP**. The first deposit

of \$75 per person is due April 6. The cost of the trip is \$739 per person double occupancy. For more information contact 875-4035.

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
 Lenten Lunches - cost: \$6
 February 22 - April 12, Wednesdays at noon

Full Gospel Temple Gospel Express
 February 25, 6 p.m.

NOTICE: In order to keep our Special Worship up-to-date we are adding an expiration date to the following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our listings after the expiration date, please call (875-2121), fax (875-7256) or email (robin@thenews-journal.com) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

Word of Life Temple
 Cub/Boy Scout meeting, ages 6-18, every Tuesday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Contact Bro. Jamie Cunningham (910) 824-6296 for more information. (expires May 31, 2012)

Hoke County Schools Prayer Circle. Continue to pray for your schools. Churches contact schools to see what you can do to help. (expires May 31, 2012)

Now Generation Radio is an information, inspiration teen music/talk show hosted by Shakera T. Graham every 4th Saturday on 1400am from 9-9:30a.m. For our additional events call (910) 281-3657 or visit us at www.nowgenerationradio.org.



Jodie Bryant (left to right), Deborah Davis Carpenter, Irish Pickett, Della Maynor, Patricia Hollingsworth, Barbara Buie, Natasha Villines

Schools PR office recognized

School public relations professionals across the state were honored for the products of their craft during the North Carolina School Public Relations Association's annual Blue Ribbon Awards for Effective Communications celebration at the Hilton Garden Inn in Durham. Twenty-five school districts totaled 83 awards in 11 categories. Included in the list of winners were Patricia Hollingsworth, executive director of Public Relations, and Jodie Bryant, administrative assistant for Public Relations. Hoke County Schools received three Blue Ribbon awards in the newsletter and special purpose publication categories for design, content and versatility of a publication. Entries were judged by the Georgia School Public Relations Association. Of the weekly e-newsletter, Friday

News, the judges said, "Provides lots of great information weekly to employees. We like the inclusion of information from all schools. Colorful." The judges also wrote about the 2011-2016 District Strategic Plan, saying, "Great publication promoting and presenting the Strategic Plan. We like the title and the large photo with the priorities. Great work!" Lastly, the judges recognized the Spotighting our Stars Employee of the Year Handbook by saying, "Good idea. Great way to promote the accomplishments of your teachers and staff." Also attending were Executive Director of Child Nutrition Deborah Davis Carpenter, Board of Education Vice-Chair Irish Pickett, Board member Della Maynor, Board member Barbara Buie, and Curriculum Coordinator Natasha Villines.

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Jordan gets master's

Gregory William Jordan of Raeford earned a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from Walden University recently. Jordan currently works at Sandhills Behavioral Center and is a National Certified Counselor, a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist-provisional, and a member of the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic Honor Society and the American Mental Health Counselors Association.

UNC sets Dean's List

Chavez Adams of Raeford was named to the Dean's List at UNC-Chapel Hill. He is a junior there.

The closest spiral galaxy to our Milky Way galaxy is Andromeda and traveling at the speed of light it would take 2 million years to reach it. There are 100 billion galaxies we can observe.

School Briefs



Casey King

King gets honor

Casey King, East Carolina University Junior, was recently invited to become a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest national recognition a student in business can receive. Membership is by invitation only. Students are invited to join based upon academic performance. King has been on the Chancellor's list for three years. She is the daughter of Steve and Shelley Wilburn of Raeford and Raymond King of Fayetteville.

Don Steed School holds science fair

Don Steed held its annual Health/Science/P.E. night Thursday, February 2. Principal Kim Gray announced the winners of the Science fair. For Pre-K through 2nd grade class projects, the winners are:

- 1st place: Mrs. Hoover's Pre-K class
- 2nd place: Miss Coggins' Kindergarten class
- For third, fourth, and fifth grade individual projects, the winners are:
- 3rd grade—1st place Ava Tomas
- 2nd place—Teddy Higgins
- 4th grade—1st place Raymond Fritts-Coppin
- 2nd place—Luis Meletchie
- 5th grade—1st place Alicia Rodriguez
- 2nd place—Caleb Green



Adriana Lebron

Student gets published

SandHoke Early College sophomore Adriana Lebron can add being a published author to her list of accomplishments. The 15-year-old's poem, My Famous Last Words, was published in a book of poems, Stars in Our Hearts. The poem focused on a challenging time in her life and the writing assisted her in coping with the situation. Lebron has been writing poetry since she was in fifth grade. Her first poem was published during her sixth grade year. Lebron's goal is to have 18 more of her poems published and write at least three mystery novels. She would like to share with people how beautiful life can really be through her inspirational poetry and to help others appreciate her love of poetry.



Friday, February 3rd was College Day at Don Steed. This year, the theme was Racers Achieve a College Education. Aimie Hoover, Pre-K teacher, and her family showed their support for East Carolina University, Mrs. Hoover's alma mater.



Step team wins competition

The local step team Blue Dynasty won a major step competition in Columbia, South Carolina at Lower Richland High School January 21. The team members are Taeniqua Dixon, Kelvona McLean, Chuantel Deberry, James McCormick, Kahlil Monroe, Kendall Morrison, and Damion McCormick. The team Coordinator is Kathy McLean and Stepmaster is Robert J. Evans.

Teens advocate against smoking

Seven students from Hoke and Moore counties joined a group of more than 200 high school students from across North Carolina to attend the TRU Youth Advocacy Day at the Alice Aycock Poe Center in Raleigh.

As part of the event, students learned how to be advocates in their communities, giving voice to the need for healthy policies and prevention programs. They also organized a cigarette butt pick-up on the grounds of the Poe Center and assembled 1,000 Quit

Kits for tobacco-addicted soldiers based in North Carolina.

Guilford County legislators Rep. Alma Adams and Rep. Pricely Harrison presided over the TRU Stars Award Ceremony. Wake County Commissioner Joe Bryan addressed the young people about the importance of youth engagement and how to be involved in local policy change.

"This was a 'TRULY' eye-opening experience," said Evan McAllister, a junior at Hoke County High School.

Museum

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website for the museum. Mary Neil King has donated a family history of the Gatlin family to the museum and will write a story for the newsletter concerning family histories. This will be a major project for the museum and they hope to receive many more.

The events for the next year have been announced, and they begin with a Memorial Service for 9-11 victims. Next will be a Colonial Day in April, some type of music on the grounds also for April, and Christmas Open House with Santa Claus for December. The members will also consider other things to keep the museum active and busy.

Chan Roberts donated a map to the museum, and it will need to be laminated so as to preserve

it for the future.

Pavers are still on sale to be placed around the Emergency Service Building. The cost of each paver is \$100, so please send your instructions for the engraving to Raeford-Hoke Museum, PO Box 1383, Raeford, NC 28376. The members voted to try to get other displays for the building, and they prefer something about Hoke County, since it is a county project.

Visiting hours for the museum are Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. and on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and see the new improvements to the entire museum, inside and outside, at these hours.

The next meeting will be February 21 at 6 p.m.

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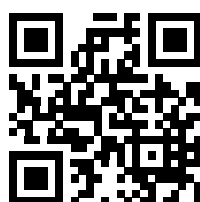


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