

40 years later, Cooper's still a feared softball hitter

Bad luck kept one of Lumbee's best athletes from major leagues

BY JAMES LOCKLEAR

In his prime, he could hit a softball farther than many major leaguers could hit a baseball.

His fastball traveled nearly twice the speed limit while his curve buckled the knees of some of the greatest Lumbee hitters ever. On the base path, he could steal nearly at will with blazing speed that rivaled his fastball.

Yet for all of his talents, Durant Cooper was haunted by a twisted fate of bad luck that has hampered the careers of some of the Lumbee Tribe's most talented athletes.

It brings to mind the question, what if.

What if he didn't have to toil long hours on the family farm everyday, often showing up to pitch his high school games exhausted only to strike out 16 or 17 batters and hit a couple of homers during the game?

What if his high school coach and mentor, the late Forace Oxendine Sr., had not been murdered before Cooper started his junior season at Hawkeye Indian School near Raeford?

What if Cooper had not been shot in the hand only one week after graduating high school, permanently damaging the hand that could make a baseball hum when he released it?

What if he did not come up through the minors in the 1960s when pitchers were at a premium?

And, what if he did not get food poisoning in the midst of a promising minor league career that finally caused him to say enough is enough?

The truth will never be known. But the fact is that Cooper is a

legend and has been for more than 40 years now. And though he is only a few months removed from his 67th birthday, he is still among the most feared hitters when he takes the softball field these days, though his appearances are limited.

Yes, that's right, Cooper still has not retired as an active player, though many of his contemporaries have not played in the past 30 years. And he can still jack a softball well over the 325 sign in left field. He'll gladly oblige any pitcher willing to give him a waist-high offering.

Poking one over the fence is like second nature for him, almost like wiping a tear from your eye with the back of your hand.

Just don't expect him to be wiping any tears over the aforementioned what ifs, except for an occasional drop for his beloved coach, "Mr. Forace." Through all the heartache and tragedies, Cooper remains upbeat.

He rebounded from the injury to make it to within a sniff of becoming the first Lumbee major leaguer, then went on to a successful 30-year career in the textile industry.

During those years, he became the greatest softball player the region has ever produced.

The beginning

Cooper is the fourth of 10 children born to the late Sparks and Anna Mae Cooper of the White Oak community near the Hoke-Robeson line. He has five sisters and four brothers.

The Chicago White Sox signed Cooper out of Hawkeye Indian High School in Hoke County, a few months after he graduated in June

1965. He caught the Sox attention after a workout at Wingate College near Charlotte.

Cooper had an impressive professional debut even though he was not fully healed from the bullet wound to his pitching hand a few months earlier.

The young Lumbee flamethrower joined the White Sox for spring training in 1966 in Sarasota, Florida, joining Hall of Famers Luis Aparicio and Hoyte Wilhelm. Also on the roster that spring were the likes of All-Star outfielder Tommie Agee and crafty lefty Tommy John, who would go on to win 289 games, the most of any pitcher not in Cooperstown.

"That was something," Cooper said. "I had never been anywhere much, besides Fayetteville. I sort of dreaded going. Once I got out there with the guys, I loved it."

Cooper stayed in Sarasota for his rookie season, mowing down competitors at a rate impressive enough to earn him a promotion to the Class A team in Winter Haven before the end of the season.

His blazing mid-90s fastball and an impressive array of off-speed pitches drew praises from White Sox baseball executives during the winter of 1966. The club promoted him to its Class AA team in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1967, a pipeline to the majors in later years for Hall of Fame relief pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage.

Cooper led the team with an 11-3 record en route to the league championship. The spirited Lumbee's performance also earned him another invitation to the White Sox camp in spring training.

Cooper had an impressive spring performance that nearly earned him a spot on the White Sox opening day roster. He made it to the final cut before being demoted once again to the minor leagues.

"I thought I had made it," Cooper said. "They would always tell me I needed more time."

Cooper grew disenchanted with the sport as his attempts to make it to the major leagues came up short once again. His frustrations grew even greater in the coming years, especially after he was optioned to the Guadalajara team in the Mexican Leagues in the early 1970s.

He is the first known Lumbee athlete to compete internationally.

"I got fed up with it," Cooper said. By this time, Cooper and his wife Peggy had a daughter, Stephanie. The couple would later have three other daughters, Deborah, Tara and Carolyn.

Cooper said he liked playing in Mexico but disliked the conditions the players had to endure. He spent the sweltering summer traveling from town to town, down dusty, unpaved roads all across Mexico.

"It was a professional league," Cooper said. "The people there loved baseball. They had three-level stadiums. But the roads were bad. We'd get off the bus, walking into the stadium and people would be out there touching you."

Food poisoning was the final straw. Cooper became violently ill after dining out with a group of friends after a game. He was the only one in the group of five players to get sick.

(See COOPER, page 3B)



The White Sox signed Cooper in 1965 after he graduated from Hawkeye Indian High School in south Hoke.

Literacy Council Reading Buddies program gets boost

The "Reading Buddies" summer program of the Hoke Reading/Literacy Council got a boost from a \$1,000 contribution from AT&T.

With state senator Ben Clark instrumental, several nonprofit organizations received checks. "Reading is a basic skill which impacts virtually every aspect of life," said Clark. "By helping a person improve their reading skills, the Reading Buddies program is literally improving the quality of life and opening new doors of opportunity."

The Reading Buddies program, which runs for six weeks during the summer, pairs a struggling younger student with

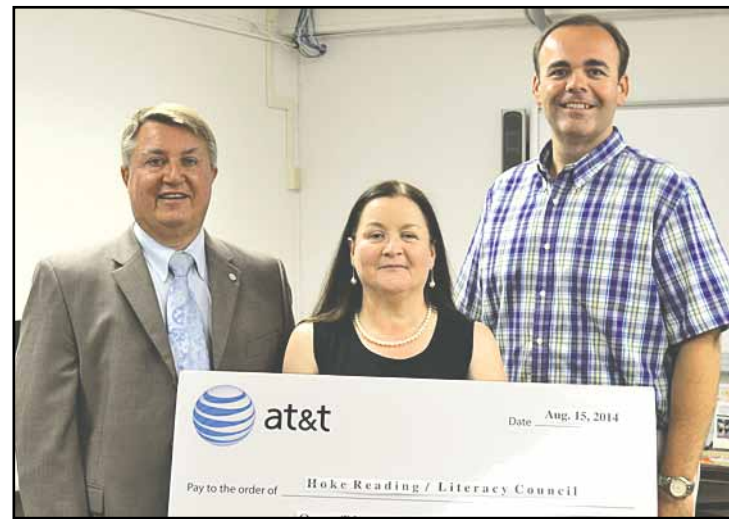
a college or high school-age student. Gains in the children's reading levels will help improve their overall academic achievement while also boosting their self-confidence.

"These much-needed funds will be used to purchase books, grade level reading materials and other educational support materials," Literacy Council Director Carole Taitt said. "We appreciate the support of the entire community and especially of leaders like Senator Clark as we work to improve literacy throughout the area."

The Hoke Reading/Literacy Council works to provide the citizens in Hoke County the

opportunity to improve basic reading and writing skills, as well as introducing them to technology. In addition to offering tutoring in math and reading to students in grades 1-12, the Council offers ESL classes and operates a public access computer lab that is open evenings and Saturday mornings. It is currently working on a collaborative effort with a local daycare to provide additional tutoring sessions, as well as a summer enrichment program to further assist those children reading below grade level.

Over the past 12 months, the Council served 254 individuals for a total of 3,322 hours.



AT&T's John Lyon (left) presents a check to Literacy Director Carole Taitt and Council Chairman Keith Walters.



Eagle Scout

Tony F. Cunningham Jr. of Raeford Boy Scout Troop 434 received his Eagle Scout Award July 25 during a Court of Honor. The award is Scouting's highest with less than two percent of boys participating in the program earning it. Cunningham is a senior at Hoke High School and plans to attend North Carolina A&T University. His Scout troop is sponsored by Word of Life Temple in Raeford.

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Recent cases heard in Hoke County District Criminal Court:
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 - Cheronda Michelle Benson, 35, 200 Grouse Road, Raeford, speeding 54 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, prayer for judgment, court costs
 - Ana Maria Hernandez, 39, 109 Stubbs Road, Raeford, failure to stop at a stop sign or flashing red light, prayer for judgment, court costs; expired/no inspection sticker, voluntary dismissal
 - Clancy Locklear, 48, 12090 Renner Road, Shannon, possession of drug paraphernalia, two days in jail, credit for 48 hours served
 - Russell McNeill, 56, 2004 Shiloh Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
 - Donald Wayne Mills II, 27, 733 Shalimar Lane, Hope Mills, driving while license revoked, operating a motor vehicle with no insurance, four days in jail, credit for four days served, judgments consolidated
 - John William Tapp, 27, 226 Falling Tree Road, Fayetteville, speeding 44 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, \$25 fine and court costs
 - Margaret Michelle Weel, 50, 114 Kensington Court, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
 - Judge Thomas V. Aldridge presiding
 - Wayne Cuffie, 251 Daisy Lane, Raeford, injury to personal property, 15 days suspended, six months unsupervised probation, pay \$150 restitution to prosecuting witness, court costs
 - Natasha Ellerbe, 33, 1541 McBryde Lake Road, Raeford, misrepresentation to obtain Employment Security Commission benefits, 45 days suspended, 36 months probation, pay \$3,401 to North Carolina Employment Security Commission, court costs
 - Da'Janea Lewis, 18, 5644 Arabia Road, Raeford, misdemeanor larceny, resisting a public officer, 30 days suspended, 18 months probation, court costs, community service and pay fee, stay away from the prosecuting business, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, attend anger management classes, credit for community service performed, judgments consolidated; misdemeanor larceny (second count), disorderly conduct at school, second-degree trespass, 30 days suspended, 18 months probation, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, attend anger management classes, make satisfactory progress in school and follow school policy, stay away from property of prosecuting witness, judgments consolidated, sentences to be served consecutively
 - Shereka Kay Locklear, 33, 679 McBridge Road, Red Springs, driving while license revoked, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, court costs, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed; possession of open container or consumption of alcohol in passenger area, prayer for judgment
 - Gage Lowery, 19, 527 Creech Road, Red Springs, possession of marijuana—ounce, five days suspended, 12 months probation, court costs, attorney and court-appointment fees, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless search, random tests for same, no controlled drug screenings, no controlled substances unless prescribed by a licensed physician, make satisfactory progress toward a general equivalency diploma (GED) or a high school diploma; possession of weapons on campus of educational property, 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same; sentences to be served consecutively
 - Judge Regina M. Joe presiding
 - Latisha Siata Allen, 29, 2621 Oglesby Drive, Raeford, driving while license revoked, court costs
 - Richard Wayne Bradshaw Jr., 24, 3203 Fayetteville Road, Raeford,

- improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
 - Willie Frank Bradshaw Jr., 19, 147 Mosswood Drive, Raeford, speeding 59 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, two days suspended, six months unsupervised probation, court costs
 - Brenda Lee Bryant, 48, 30980 N. Turnpike Road, Wagram, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
 - Jeanne Foxx Faulk, 50, 495 Needmore Road, Carthage, speeding in school zone, \$100 fine and court costs
 - Paula Andrea Fernandez, 29, 200 Village Lane, Raeford, driving while license revoked, failure to yield left turn, \$50 fine and court costs, judgments consolidated
 - Janane Shavell Harris, 20, 170 McDiarmid Road, Raeford, failure to stop at stop sign or flashing red light, prayer for judgment, court costs; failure to secure passenger under 16, voluntary dismissal
 - Nneka Annessa Hines, 45, 518 John Roper Ave., Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
 - Alonda C. Kentris, 43, 505 Meadow Lane Court, Hope Mills, reckless driving to endanger, five days suspended, six months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs; speeding 79 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
 - George Rakeen Malloy, 24, 9481 Third Ave., Laurel Hill, driving while license revoked, 12 months probation, court costs, attorney and court-appointment fees, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, after six months compliance and payment of all moneys, defendant may be transferred to unsupervised probation, transfer probation to Scotland County
 - Dorothy M. Pittman, 30, 1798 Oakdale Gin Road, Raeford, school attendance law violation, remit cost
 - Swanniqua Ametta Puryear, 31, 701 Torabora Road, Fort Lee, Va., improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
 - Robert Cumell Virgil, 64, 781 Scurlock School Drive, Raeford, driving while impaired, aggravated level 1, six months in prison, active, driving while license revoked (first count), 30 days in prison, active, driving while license revoked (second count), and possession of open container or consuming alcohol in passenger area, 30 days in prison, active (these two charges consolidated), driving while license revoked (third count), 30 days in prison, active, sentences to be served concurrently; driving while impaired, aggravated level 1 (second count), 12 months in prison, serve at expiration of sentence for first DWI charge; speeding 65 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone (two counts), voluntary dismissal per count; driving left of center, voluntary dismissal; speeding 48 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
 - Aug. 6
 - Judge William C. McIlwain presiding
 - Kunta Kinte Bethea, 34, 124 Lincoln Drive, Raeford, assault on a female, 150 days suspended, 18 months probation, court costs, continue to comply with treatment, not to use, consume or possess any illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages, participate in T.A.S.K program and follow treatment, stay away from prosecuting witness
 - Ashley Nicole Carbaugh, 25, 108 Arrow Court, Red Springs, possession of stolen goods or property, one day in jail, credit for one day served; misdemeanor larceny, voluntary dismissal
 - Kenneth R. Mitchell, 36, 368 W. Palmer Ave., Raeford, misdemeanor larceny, simple assault and second-degree trespass, 27 days in jail, credit for 27 days served, judgments consolidated
 - Lee Morrissey, 60, 235 Autry Loop, Raeford, assault on a female, 75 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$100 fine and court costs, not to harass, assault, threaten or intimidate the prosecuting witness, enroll in and complete treatment in Alpha Counseling, not to use or possess any illegal drugs, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

14 SP 116 NORTH CAROLINA, HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Michael Scott Pridgen and Laurie A. Pridgen to H. Terry Hutchens, Trustee(s), which was dated June 25, 2010 and recorded on June 25, 2010 in Book 904 at Page 904, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on August 26, 2014 at 10:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hoke County, North Carolina, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, situated about 3.2 miles South of the center of Raeford, North Carolina, fronting on the Northeast side of State Road No. 1138, Neill Maxwell Road, about 0.33 mile Northwest of its intersection with N.C. Highway No. 211, adjoining the lands of Neill A. Maxwell, Jr., Allyne M. Faulk, and Edward Dew on the East, and by J.D. McLeod Estate lands on the Northwest, being further described as follows: Commencing at North Carolina Grid Station "CULBRETH", said monument having a northing of 131,723.055 meters and an casting of 589,753.612 meters (1983 datum); thence S 06° 31' 56" E 1386.84 feet (horizontal ground distance) to a nail in the Southwest shoulder of N.C. Highway No. 211; thence S 62° 28' 19" W 813.70 feet (horizontal ground distance) to an existing axle, the POINT OF BEGINNING, said axle being the Southwest corner of the Neill A. Maxwell, Jr., Lot No. 7, N.A. Maxwell lands described in Deed Book 171, Page 237, and also being the Northwest corner of Allyne M. Faulk, Lot No. 8, N.A. Maxwell lands described in Deed Book 171, at Page 239; running thence from the BEGINNING, as a common line with Allyne M. Faulk, S 08° 45' 49" E 274.44 feet to an iron pipe at a large oak, said iron being the westernmost corner of Edward Dew (Deed Book 202, page 345); continuing as a common line with Faulk, an East line of the J.D. McLeod lands, the original tract of which this is a part, S 08° 45' 49" E 11.21 feet to a rebar at the intersection in of the west line of the aforementioned Allyne M. Faulk tract and the Northeast right of way line (30 feet from center) of State Road No. 1138; thence as the Northeast right of way line of State Road No. 1136, the following three (3) chords: N 38° 38' 50" W 157.14 feet to a rebar in said right of way line; thence N 46° 10' 50" W 158.09 feet to a rebar in said right of way line; thence N 53° 54' 50" W 159.95 feet to a rebar in said right of way line; thence leaving said road, N 36° 05' 32" E 402.49 feet to an iron pipe; thence continuing, N 36° 05' 32" E 5.47 feet to a gum tree on the west bank of a ditch and in the common line of the J.D. McLeod lands of which this is a part and the aforementioned Neill A. Maxwell, Jr. tract described in Deed Book 171, Page 237; thence as said common line, S 08° 45' 49" E 378.15 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 2.04 acres, as calculated to the chords of State Road No. 1138, and being a portion of the J.D. McLeod lands. This also being the same property shown on a recorded map entitled survey for LARRY GUY dated March 19, 1991, and recorded in Slide No. 285, Map No. 4 of the Hoke County Public Registry to which reference is also made.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

14-SP-0001

THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX, AND THE COURT COSTS OF FORTY-FIVE CENTS (45¢) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) PURSUANT TO NCGS 7A-308(a)(1). A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing.

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Michael Scott Pridgen and wife, Laurie A. Pridgen.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 14-11174-FC01 23-24C

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

14-SP-0001

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Rodriguez W. Barber, dated February 24, 2011 and recorded on March 3, 2011 in Book No. 00935 at Page 0392 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina; and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements contained therein and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will place for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at Hoke County Courthouse, Raeford, North Carolina on August 27, 2014 at 11:00 AM that parcel of land, including improvements thereon, situated, lying and being in the City of Raeford, County of Hoke, State of North Carolina, and being more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Address of property: 175

Moorea Dr, Raeford, NC 28376. Tax Parcel ID: 494650401178 Present Record Owners: Rodriguez W. Barber. The terms of the sale are that the real property hereinbefore described will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to pay revenue stamps on the Trustee's Deed, any Land Transfer Tax and costs of recording the Trustee's Deed. The real property hereinabove described is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, and special assessments. Other conditions will be announced at the sale. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as by law required. If for any reason the Trustee is unable to convey title to this property or the sale is set aside, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Furthermore, if the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Trustee, in its sole discretion, if it believes the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. In either event the purchaser will have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney or the Trustee. Additional Notice Where the Real Property is Residential With Less Than 15 Rental Units: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a bona fide lease or tenancy may have additional rights pursuant to Title VII of 5.896 - Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act which became effective on May 20, 2009. Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC, Substitute Trustee (803)744-4444, 113081-05401 P1105560 8/13, 08/20/2014 23-24C

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 14 CVD 4984 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND WENONA LOWERY PLAINTIFF, VS. WILLIAM LOCKARD DEFENDANT TO: WILLIAM LOCKARD

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action; the nature being sought is for an absolute divorce. You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after the first publication of this notice being August 13th, 2014, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. ROGER R. COMPTON Attorney at Law 5311 Raeford Road P.O. Box 42836 Fayetteville, NC 28309 (910) 424-6393 23-25P

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

14 SP 80 NORTH CAROLINA, HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Julien L. Pomerleau, Jr. and Julien L. Pomerleau to Jerry R. Farmer, Trustee(s), which was dated De-

ember 3, 2001 and recorded on December 5, 2001 in Book 489 at Page 51, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on August 26, 2014 at 10:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hoke County, North Carolina, to wit: Being all of Lot 43, Phase 1-B, in a Subdivision known as Country Walk, according to a map of the same duly recorded on Slide 344, Map 3, Hoke County, North Carolina Registry. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as 113 Stonestrow Lane, Raeford, NC 28376. THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX, AND THE COURT COSTS OF FORTY-FIVE CENTS (45¢) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) PURSUANT TO NCGS 7A-308(a)(1). A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are 113 Stonestrow Residential Land Trust. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 14-02599-FC01 23-24C



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14 CVD 107

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Hoke County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled "COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina v. MCLAMB PROPERTIES, LLC", the undersigned Commissioner will at 12:00 noon on the 3rd day of September, 2014, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction, at the courthouse door in Hoke County, North Carolina, in Raeford, the following described real property, lying and being in the McLauchlin Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

"LYING AND BEING in McLauchlin Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and BEGINNING at the intersection of the centerline of SR 1406 with the centerline of SR 1408 and runs with Road 1406 N77-30E 865 feet to the McFadyen Home tract corner; thence S-4-00W to the McDuffie corner and with the McDuffie line 987 feet to another McDuffie corner (now Thomason); thence N 85-00 W 740 feet to the Church lot corner; thence with the Church lot corner N 85-00 W a few feet to the center of SR 1408; thence with SR 1408 N 740 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 15.4 acres and being part of that tract of land described in Book 13, Page 146 and being the same property conveyed in Book 425, Page 512, Hoke County Registry"

Street Address: 119 Peppertree Lane; (Lot 9) PIN 49454-00-01-200; and

Street Address: 180 Club Pond Road; (Lot 20) PIN 49454-00-01-207; and

"LYING AND BEING in McLauchlin Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being all of Lot 13 as shown on that map entitled "Briarcrest Subdivision," drawn by Bennett Engineering, dated February 13, 2001, and recorded in Cabinet 2, Slide 2-71, Map 006, Hoke County Registry."

Street Address: 112 Peppertree Lane; (Lot 13) PIN 49454-00-01-204

For additional references see Deed Book 478, page 890

This conveyance is made subject to any and all restrictive covenants, easements and right-of way of record.

The said property is being sold as is, with all existing conditions or faults. The last and highest bid will be accepted and will be final and irrevocable, and may not be withdrawn and shall not be refunded after the sale. The last and highest bidder shall be responsible for making any investigation deemed appropriate prior to sale as to the condition of the property, the status of title to the property, or any other matter(s) affecting the property.

The sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above-described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. This sale will not convey any personal property that may be located on the real property and the Commissioner makes no warranties or representations as to whether improvements to real property are real or personal in nature. A deposit of five (5%) percent of the successful bid will be required.

This 25th day of July, 2014.
RUDOLPH K. SMITH
COMMISSIONER
Post Office Box 2095
Fayetteville, NC 28302
(910) 486-3230
22-25C

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
14 SP 81

NORTH CAROLINA,
HOKE COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Joshua McKee and Melissa McKee to Todd A. Klein, Trustee(s), which was dated July 13, 2007 and recorded on July 20, 2007 in Book 00770 at Page 0096, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default

having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on August 26, 2014 at 10:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hoke County, North Carolina, to wit:

All that certain property situated in the Township of Raeford in the County of Hoke and State of North Carolina, being described as follows: Being more fully described in a deed dated 04/01/2004 and recorded 04/06/2004, among the land records of the county and state set forth above, in Deed Volume 609 and Page 692. And being more particularly described as follows: BEING all of Lot 37 as shown on a plat entitled "SOMERSET, SECTION TWO" duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 2-92, Map 001, Hoke County, North Carolina Registry.

Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record.

Said property is commonly known as 319 Somerset Drive, Raeford, NC 28376.

THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX, AND THE COURT COSTS OF FORTY-FIVE CENTS (45¢) PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) PURSUANT TO NCGS 7A-308(a)(1). A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing.

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Joshua McKee.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
Substitute Trustee
Brock & Scott, PLLC
Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403
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FAX: (910) 392-8587
File No.: 13-16218-FC02
23-24C

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
FILE NO.: 14 SP 108

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Preston Harris, Sr. and Lisa J. Harris, to William R. Davis, Trustee, dated the 22nd day of July, 2011, and recorded in

Book 951, Page 154, and rerecorded in Book 953, Page 284, in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby securing by the said Deed(s) of Trust, and the Holders of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed(s) of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 12:00 p.m. on August 26, 2014, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot 2, containing 18.30 acres as shown on that plat of survey entitled, "Survey for Roger F. Hall Jr.," by James Cox Hasty, PLS, dated April 12, 2011, recorded July 8, 2011 in Cabinet 4, Slide 4-26, Map 003, Hoke County Registry and recorded July 8, 2011 at Book 47, Page 9, Robeson County Registry said plat is hereby referred to for a greater certainty of description.

Parcel Identification Number: 79472-00-01-012

Together with improvements thereon, said property located in Stonewall Township, Hoke County, North Carolina.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21-.23.

Should property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a)(1).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holders of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee of the holders of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State Laws.

A cash deposit or cashier's check (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of sale.

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Trustee, in his sole discretion, if he believes the challenged to have merit, may require the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO

COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

WILLIAM R. DAVIS, Trustee
P.O. Box 566
5431 Trade Street
Hope Mills, NC 28348
cooperanddavis@aol.com
23-24P

EXECUTOR NOTICE
NORTH CAROLINA
HOKE COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
13-E-906

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Robert Joseph Martin deceased late of Cumberland County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of October, 2014 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of July, 2014.
Christina J. Peterson, Executrix
Estate of Robert Joseph Martin
Lewis, Deese, Nance, Briggs & Hardin
Attorneys for the Estate
330 Dick Street
Post Office Drawer 1358
Fayetteville, N.C. 28302
Telephone: (910) 323-3500
21-24C

CREDITOR'S NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
MALGRAM T. JONES, SR.
14 E 126

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Malgram T. Jones, Sr., deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Constance M. Jones, Administratrix, of the estate of the decedent at 5823 Fisher Rd., Apt. 104, Temple Hill, MD 20748, on or before the 30th day of October, 2014, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 30th day of July, 2014.
Constance M. Jones, Administratrix
Of the estate of Malgram T. Jones, Sr.
5823 Fisher Rd., Apt. 104
Temple Hill, MD 20748
21-24P

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
HOKE COUNTY
14SP48

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY NICHOLAS LAFOND AND VANESSA LAFOND DATED DECEMBER 18, 2009 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 885 AT PAGE 524 IN THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 11:30AM on September 3, 2014 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot 34 in a subdivision known as Hunters Creek Subdivision, Phase One, according to a plat of same being duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 3-89, Map 003, Hoke County.

And Being more commonly known as: 170 Buckfield Ln, Raeford, NC 28376

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Nicholas Lafond and Vanessa Lafond.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall

have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The date of this Notice is July 21, 2014.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells
Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28216
(704) 333-8107
http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/
14-058799
Client Code: CWF
24-25C

CREDITOR'S NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
CONSTANCE J. JONES
14 E 92

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Constance J. Jones, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Constance M. Jones, Administratrix, of the estate of the decedent at 5823 Fisher Rd., Apt. 104, Temple Hill, MD 20748, on or before the 30th day of October, 2014, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 30th day of July, 2014.
Constance M. Jones, Administratrix
Of the estate of Constance J. Jones
5823 Fisher Rd., Apt. 104
Temple Hill, MD 20748
21-24P

CREDITOR'S NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
BETSY ANN MCNEILL
14 E 146

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Betsy Ann McNeill, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Kimberly McNeill Cato, Administratrix, of the estate of the decedent at 4919 Carlton Crossing Dr., Durham, NC 27713, on or before the 30th day of October, 2014, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 30th day of July, 2014.
Kimberly McNeill Cato, Administratrix
Of the estate of Betsy Ann McNeill
4919 Carlton Crossing Dr.
Durham, NC 27713
21-24P

PUBLIC NOTICE
DOCKET NO. SP-3897, SUB 0
APPLICATION OF INNOVATIVE SOLAR 69, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 22, 2014, Innovative Solar 69, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 50-MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 1804 Old Maxton Road in Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, Inc.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-3897, Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326 or to The Honorable Roy Cooper, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

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Saying thanks

The Board of Directors of the Hoke County Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Center recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Victoria Carter for her years of service serving as the executive director. Making the presentation were Glenda Glockner (left to right), Glendia Black-Flippin, Victoria Carter, Betty Perkins and Edna Baskerville.

Republican Party hosts speaker, forum

The Hoke County Republican Party will host Earl L. Phillip from the North Carolina Black Engagement Office of the North Carolina Republican Party.

The North Carolina African American state director promotes the Republican values in the black community.

He will be visiting Hoke busi-

nesses August 21 to hear concerns and report them to leadership.

On August 22, the party and the Black Engagement Office will host a forum called "Sweet Tea in Politics" to hear how best to improve the community. Free hot dogs and sweet tea will be offered at Highway 55 Burgers from 4-6 p.m. with Phillip as the guest speaker.

Students get scholarships

The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority recently selected two Hoke students as recipients of Golden LEAF Foundation scholarships.

Cheyenne Jacobs was a recipient of a \$12,000 Golden LEAF Foundation Scholarship. Jacobs is a senior at SandHoke Early College High School and plans to attend Methodist University.

De' Shawn Webb was another recipient. Webb is a senior at Hoke County High School and plans to attend East Carolina University.

They are among 215 students

selected to receive a \$3,000 scholarship each year for up to four years of study at a participating NC public university or private non-profit college or university. Recipients are from rural, economically distressed North Carolina counties and are selected based on a number of criteria, including a review of school and community service activities, goals, and expressed intent to contribute to rural communities upon graduation from college.

A previous report incorrectly listed their high schools.

SandHoke sets shopping fundraiser

SandHoke Early College High School has partnered with Macy's Shop For A Cause event on Saturday, August 23. Shop For A Cause gives participants the opportunity to give back to their community and help SandHoke. Purchase a \$5 Shopping Pass for exclusive 25 percent savings all day in every Macy's store on regular, sale and

clearance items, including home, and even save on most brands usually excluded. Plus, shoppers can enter to win a \$500 Macy's gift card.

Please contact the SandHoke Early College High School office at 910-878-5806 or email ldavis@hcs.k12.nc.us to purchase a savings coupon.

Addiction documentary to be shown

A free showing of the documentary "The Anonymous People" will take place in a town hall meeting and panel discussion September 4 at Turlington School.

The film explores the "sensational mass media depictions of people with addiction that

perpetuate a lurid fascination with the dysfunctional side of what is a preventable and treatable health condition."

The showtime is 6 p.m. with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be offered.

Cataract information program planned

The first in a series of programs in the fall Hoke Education Series at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital-Hoke Campus will focus on answering the following questions and more:

- What are the symptoms of a cataract?
- When is the best time to treat cataracts?
- What does cataract surgery entail?

• What are the new options in cataract surgery?

Anna Fakadej, M.D., will lead the program, called "What is a Cataract?," that will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, September 11. A board certified ophthalmologist, she performs cataract surgeries at MRH-Hoke Campus.

The programs are free.

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Family caregiver support group forms

A new family caregiver and adult children support group begins this month at Pittman Grove Baptist Church.

Donna Brock, a Raeford native, is a certified geriatric manager and trained Alzheimer's educator and support group facilitator with Aging Outreach Services in Southern Pines and will lead the group.

"I enjoy facilitating support groups to educate people and to let them know they are not alone in their struggles," Brock said. "I know that supporting each other is crucial to ensuring that families provide the quality care their elders need for their well being and dignity. I'm a firm believer in planning ahead and not recreating the wheel in practical approaches to caregiving. I also want to give back to my community that has been such a blessing to me and my family."

This support group will provide resources and support through the challenges of caregiving for family, adult

children and spouses dealing with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's and all types of aging issues. The discussion topics will change monthly to provide guidance and information.

"So many today in our communities, in our county, are giving care to their parents and those that are giving care also need to receive care," Pastor Kenneth Williams said. "The Bible tells us in Psalms 20:2, 'Send thee help from the sanctuary,' so we at Pittman Grove Baptist Church and Aging Outreach Services are in this endeavor as a team, in a loving outreach to give those caregivers a time to meet others in the same life situations. We are going to strive to give those caregivers some quality time, as well as opportunities to learn helpful information in their care and those for whom they are caring."

The group will meet August 26 from 5:30-7 p.m. and will meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month.

Heart disease leading cause of death here

The Hoke County Health Department says heart disease is the leading cause of death in the county.

For the year 2012, according to the North Carolina State Centers for Health Statistics, 24.2% (69 out of 285) of all deaths in Hoke County were related to heart disease, making heart disease the leading cause of death in our county. This is somewhat higher than the statewide rate, as North Carolina as a whole had a rate of 21.1% of all deaths related to heart disease.

According to the department's release, heart disease is a medical condition due to the buildup of a sticky plaque substance within the heart arteries, which slows down the circulation of blood flow to the heart. When the blood flow is constrained, it starves the heart of the oxygen it needs to pump properly. Coronary artery plaque can develop from a young age but as a person gets older, the plaque creates inflammation, increasing pressure on the blood vessel walls and causing blood clots and heart attacks.

Symptoms of coronary artery disease that can occur include heaviness and pressure or a painful feeling in the chest. Sometimes this can be mistaken for indigestion or heartburn. Other symptoms may

seem gradual or increase over time such as heart palpitations, shortness of breath, nausea, sweating, and weakness or dizziness.

Treatment for coronary heart disease includes making lifestyle changes, taking medications or undergoing surgical procedures. Heart disease may be genetic. It is helpful to know your family history and take appropriate measures. If you know you have a family history of heart disease, making simple lifestyle changes now can reduce your chances of having a heart attack. These lifestyle changes include eating a healthy diet of fruits and vegetables, eating more low-fat and whole grain foods, limiting lean red meat and eating more fish. Equally, increase movement or choose an exercise to maintain a healthy weight, cholesterol levels, and blood sugars. It is recommended that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise a week and children 60 minutes or more per day. Smoking is also a major risk factor in developing heart disease. It damages the heart and blood vessels. One of the best ways to avoid heart disease is to avoid tobacco smoke. Quitting smoking reduces your risk of developing and dying from heart disease.

Real Estate Transfers

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

Aug. 1

• Lot 2, Somerset Section 5, from Carolyn Derousseau of Southern Pines to Alex J. Dziekonski and Jennifer Schaffer, both of Raeford

• Lot 104 Ridgeview Section 2, from Emily and James E. Kendrick of Houston, Texas to Bryant B. Douglas Jr. of Raeford

• Lot 176 Cockman Farm, from Annie Vivian and Larry G. Bonner, Sheila Epps, Lydia Lyons Jennings, Barbara Lyons, Brison A. Lyons Sr., Corey Matthew Lyons, Daneika Lyons, David Lyons, Cleo Lyons, Deborah Denise Lyons, Ernie B. Lyons, Evelyn Denise Lyons, Geraldine Lyons, Gwendolyn Lyons, Henry D. Lyons, Iris Lyons, Isaiah Lyons, Ivan A. Lyons, Miya Lyons, Mona

E. Lyons, Terrence T. Lyons, Tilden L. and Velma Lyons, all of the Estate of Livingston Leroy Lyons; Calvert McCollum, Delray McCollum, Elroy and Marla McCollum and Derek Nelson to Regina Dilbert of Maxton

• Lot 49 Liberty Point, from Stacie M. and Brandann James Hardeman of Lawrenceville, Ga. to Megan and Michael Dwayne Head of Raeford

Aug. 4

• Lot 28 Colonial Charters, from Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. of California, N.A., as trustee for the holders of The Vendee Mortgage Trust 2002-1, to Kenneth Faircloth of St. Pauls

• 1.25 acres by S.R. 1203, Raeford, from Diane and John C. Wigglesworth of San Antonio, Texas to Angela and Charles Sconiers of Raeford

T. Wigglesworth of Daleville, Ala. to Angela and Charles Sconiers of Raeford

• Lot 2 Westgate Section 1, from Lissa M. and Shane R. Jones of Fayetteville to Harvey Lee Taylor of Raeford

• Lot 928 The Maples at Westgate Section 4, from Caviness & Cates Building and Development Co. of Fayetteville to Megan and Jeremy Glass of Raeford

• Lot 894 The Maples at Westgate Section 5, from Caviness & Cates Building and Development Co. to Katherine Leigh Fleming and Christopher M. Welch of Raeford

• Lot 66 Trappers Run, from

Marissa B. Cooper of Taylorsville to Kenneth R. Severin Jr. of Raeford

Aug. 5

• Lot 192 Dove Field Section 6, Part 1, from William Becerril of Fayetteville to Jessica Velez of Fayetteville

• Lot 20 Black Branch, from R.C. Williams Construction Co. Inc. of Hope Mills to Trazzia L. and William T. Wallace Jr. of Raeford

• Lot 71 Mitchell's Landing, Phase 4, from Tristar Building and Development Inc. of Hope Mills to Nicole Butler and Brandon D. McLaughlin of Raeford.

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