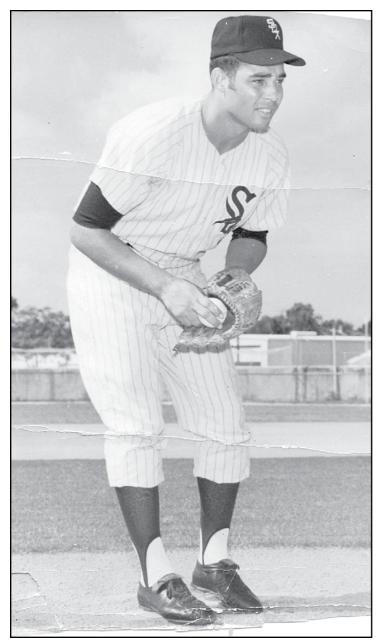
# 40 years later, Cooper's still a feared softball hitter Bad luck kept one of Lumbee's best athletes from major leagues



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

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 causedhim 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 chil $dren\,born\,to\,the\,late\,Sparks\,and\,Anna$ 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.

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

The young Lumbee flamethrower joined the White Sox for spring training in 1966 in Sarasota, Florida, joining Hall of Famers Luis Aparicio and Hoyte Whilheim. Also on the roster that spring were the likes of AllStaroutfielderTommieAgee 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"

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. 'Ithought 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.

"Igot 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

(See COOPER, page 3B)

# 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.

Friday 12 Noon: Calendar Items • Social Items • News Items Monday 12 Noon: Letters to the Editor



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thru August 27

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETINGS will be held for 12 weeks on Wednesday mornings at First Baptist Church, 333 N. Main St. Weigh-in is at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. The first meeting was held June 11. Contact jenniferwolfe1100@gmail.com for more

thru October

The Hoke County Health Department offers CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES. Four week sessions start on the first Thursday of every month from 6 – 8 p.m. You do not have to be a Hoke County resident to participate. A \$35 pre-registration fee is applicable. Medicaid accepted. For more information, contact Mrs. Murchison at (910) 875-3717 ext. 2104.

### thru December

The Hoke County Health Department offers an ADOLES-CENT HEALTH CLINIC for adolescents ages 11-19 on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. This clinic offers a full range of teen friendly health services and educational programs at a convenient time. Make your appointment today by calling

### August 22, September 26, October 24 & November 21

Maggie's Outreach Youth Enrichment Center, 7350 Turnpike Road, presents "NEIGHBORHOOD MOVIE NIGHT AT THE CAFÉ". Bring your child out to an exciting night including refreshments and a movie. Doors are open from 5:30 – 9 p.m. every 4th Friday, except November 3rd. Children between the ages of 6 – 14 years old. Fee is \$5.00. (910) 875-6623 www. mocedc.com; email: mbdevelcenter@mocedc.org

August 25

The DSS BOARD MEETING (regular meeting) will be held in the Commissioners' Room located in the Pratt Building, 227 N. Main Street at 4 p.m.

September 8

LIBERTY TAX will hold a 10-week tax school beginning September 8. Classes run from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 6 -9 p.m. at Liberty Tax, 2010 Club Pond Road, Raeford. Call (910) 565-4750 for information.

September 26

Hoke County Parks & Recreation presents its 10th annual SENIOR CITIZENS' FISH FRY from 12 – 2 p.m. This event will be held in the LE McLaughlin Bldg. senior room. We are accepting the first 80 participants who register by calling (910) 875-4035 no later than September 12.

October 4

REGISTER NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 15 for the 5K WALK/RUN TO BUILD A HOME. The 1st annual 5K Walk/Run will be held at Sandy Grove Middle School, 300 Chason Road, Lumber Bridge, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 which includes an event Tshirt. This fundraiser is to raise money for the Raeford/ Hoke Habitat for Humanity, which helps build homes for families in the local area. Contact Rabsary Martinez at (910) 273-6394 to get registered or for more informa-

December 12-15

Gaylord Opryland Resort "COUNTRY CHRISTMAS" TRIP — WE NEED 18 MORE PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE THIS TRIP A SUCCESS. The cost is \$782 per person double occupancy. The deadline for all balances will be September 26. Call Parks & Recreation at (910) 878-1255 for more information.

NOTICE: In order to keep our Calendar up-to-date we are adding an expiration date to the following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our calendar 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.

## Military service-connected

**meetings**RETIRED MILITARY ASSOCIATION AND LADIES AUXILIARY meet the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Retired Miliitary Association building, off Gillespie St., for potluck dinner and meeting afterwards. Call (910) 486-9398 for more information. (expires Augu. 31, 2014)

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - Ralph A. Pandure Post 10 meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Raeford Airport, Doc Brown Road. For information call George Balch, Post Commander at (910) 875-4410 or e-mail: gbalch@nc.rr.com. (expires

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS- Hoke County Chapter 17 meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory, Teal Street. For information call Adjutant George Balch at (910) 875-4410 or e-mail: gbalch@nc.rr.com. (expires January 31, 2014)

Calling all ACTIVE AND RETIRED NAVY, MARINE AND COAST GUARD to join Fleet Reserve Branch 259 located in Fayetteville. The Branch and Unit meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Retired Military Association building off Gillespie Street. For more information call Leonard Galloway, President, at (910) 875-6020. (expires August 31, 2014)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 20 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For information call James McKee, (910) 277-0597 or Tommy Strickland, Vice-Commander, (910) 850-7007. (expires August 31, 2014)

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 62, the "Sandhills" Chapter for Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, meets the 1st Saturday of each month, 1800 hrs at the Southern Pines VFW Post 7318 Clubhouse in Southern Pines. All present and past Special Forces soldiers are invited to attend. For additional information contact Chapter 62 President, Rusty Gaeta at broncogator45@gmail.com. (expires August 31, 2014)

### **Others**

MAGGIE'S RTS COMPUTER CLASS - Basic intermediate and social media classes. You do not have to know anything about the computer. We are located at 7350 Turnpike Road. Call today for more information at (910) 875-6623 or visit www.mocedc.com. (expires August 31, 2014)

MOCEDC Youth & Family Center, 7350 Turnpike Road, presents "After-school & Tutoring Program" - Enroll Now for 2014-2015 School Year. Tutoring 3 days (scheduled session only) – After School 5 days 3 - 6 p.m. Includes snacks, recreational activities, and peer to peer team building. (910) 875-6623 www.mocedc.com; email: mbdevelcenter@mocedc.org (expires December 31, 2014)

HOKE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES is open to all seniors 50 and older. Free use of exercise equipment, table games and other games are available everyday from 12

CAPE FEAR VALLEY HOSPICE is seeking volunteers to support our patients and families in the Raeford/Hoke County area. Call Linda Rockholt at (910) 609-6710 to learn more about the opportunities available as a Hospice Volunteer. (expires August 31, 2014)

RAEFORD-HOKE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL AL-LIANCE monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. at Edinborough Restaurant. All pastors and ministers are invited. Please email your information to be added to the email list to graceandmercy55@yahoo.com. (expires September 30, 2014)

The TIA HART COMMUNITY RECOVERY PRO-GRAM, Inc. meets Mondays 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays 7:00 p.m. at 116 E. Elwood Ave. For more information call (910) 565-3063. (expires September 30, 2014)

RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS — Apply today at MOCEDC, 7350 Turnpike Road or call (910) 875-6623. (expires August 31, 2014)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday and Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Raeford United Methodist Church, 308 N. Main St. (expires November 30, 2014)

Hoke County Parks and Recreation's LINE DANCE CLASSES will be as follows: every Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m., Line Dance class ONLY; every Thursday from 6-8 p.m., Swing and Shag class ONLY. These classes will held be held in the LE McLaughlin (senior room) with Edward Bradley as the instructor. The cost will be \$3 per person each night. Call 875-4035 for more information. (expires September 30, 2014)

The HOKE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER, 683 East Palmer Road, has health services available by appointment Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. for men, pregnant and non-pregnant women, children and teens. For an appointment or more information call (910) 875-3717 or visit us online at www.hokecounty.net. (expires

PROGRAMS for CHILDREN held at the Hoke County Public Library. Call 875-2502 for more information. Mondays - Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. HOME-WORK CENTRAL - FREE homework help and support for elementary and middle school-aged students. Volunteer tutor applications are being accepted. Select Saturdays: STORY SATURDAY for children and their families at 3 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (expires November 30,

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. — PRESCHOOL STORYTIME -Storytime for children ages 3-5 at the Hoke County Public Library. Call 875-2502 for more information.

FREE BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES at Hoke County Public Library; expanded schedule due to high demand. Tuesdays at 5 p.m., Thursdays at 10 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Call 875-2502 to register and for more information. (expires November 30, 2014)

DRAGON'S GAME — Sundays 1 - 9 p.m. at the Hoke County Public Library for players ages 16 & up. Leave "Reality" at the door as you enter a world of fantasy -- Dungeons and Dragons or Pathfinder. Experienced Dungeon Masters run the game. If you don't know how to play but want to learn, we will teach you everything from combat to casting magic. (expires November 30, 2014)

TEEN PROGRAMS AT THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — The library staff is looking for suggestions, ideas and comments on teen programs and events. Contact Jessica at jwatkins@hokecounty.org or call (910) 875-2502. Ideas currently being considered include a monthly Teen Night and an Anime Club. (expires

## Class Reunions

1952 – 1968 — Hawk Eye High School Classes 1952-1968 are having areunion on September 5 from 6 p.m.-until at Hawk Eye Elementary School. For more information, contact Mary Maness (910) 369-5988, Darlene Locklear (910) 369-2816, Toney Lowery (910) 875-3030 or Bonnie Goins (910) 875-5040.

1953, 1954 & 1955 — Hoke High School Classes of 1953, 1954 and 1955 are having a joint class reunion on September 13. Class of 1953 contact Edith McNeill Newton (910) 875-3985; class of 1954 contact Bobby Conoly (910) 875-2676; class of 1955 contact Kermit Wood (910) 875-2689. All members and guests are invited.

1956 — The Upchurch High Class of 1956 committee will meet soon. Contact Marjorie G. Hendrix at 867-8555.

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

1962—Information on the class of 1962 may be obtained by calling Annie Gilchrist McLain, 487-4195; McKinnon McKeller, 864-0772; or Ellen Clark McNeill, 875-3237; or email emcneill 1005@aol.com. 1964 — Upchurch High School

class of 1964 is planning for its 50th reunion in 2014. Any classmates that would like to attend meetings or make any suggestions should contact president Rebecca McNeill (910) 875-1469 or vice-president John McLean (910) 843-4047.

1965—UpchurchHighClass of 1965 meets monthly at the home of Mr. Bobby and Jennie Allen. All interested parties are invited to attend. Contact Rev. Jennie Allen at (910) 875-5026; Pastor Cora Murphy (910) 684-0417; Mr. Paul Purcell (910) 904-1622; Janice McDougal (910) 423-6271; email ilmac65@ nc.net; snail mail 3649 Marcliff Road, Hope Mills, NC 28348.

1968 — Hawk Eye High School Class of 1968 will be holding its reunion September 5 at Hawk Eye Elementary School from 6 p.m. until. For more information, contact Mary Maness (910 369-5988, Darlene Locklear (910) 369-2816, Toney Lowery (910) 875-3030 or Bonnie Goins (910) 875-5040.

1969 — Hoke High Class of 1969's 45th reunion will be held October 10-12 at the Ocean Reef Resort, 7100 N. Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC. Classmates need to call the hotel for reservations. There is a registration fee of \$70 per person and the deadline was August 8. Payment can be sent to Vincent Parker, 330 Hodgin Rd, Red Springs, NC 28377. Make check or money order payable to HH Class of 1969. For more information contact Pat Graham (910) 878-1255, (910) 848-5142; Shirley Rush (910) 875-4357; Myrtle Quick 843-4922; Ron Huff (910) 237-7873; Vincent Parker (910) 224-3565.

1970 — Hoke County High School Class of 1970 will meet at the Hoke County Public Library on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6 p.m. Contact persons are Willie Mae Artis (910) 848-0405; Larry McPhatter (910) 977-7764; Corine Cook (910) 875-8890.

1977 — Hoke County High School Class of 1977 will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at Virgil's Drive-

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In. Any interested classmate may call James Quick at (910) 273-1863.

1969 — Hoke High Class of 1969 committee will host their 45th reunion October 10-12 at the Ocean Reef Resort, 7100 N. Ocean Bvd., Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Pat Graham at (910) 878-1255, Alfonso Parker at (910) 224-3565, Myrtle Quick at (910) 843-4922 or Shirley Rush at (910) 875-4357 for more information.

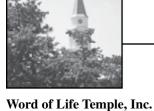
1974 - The Class of 1974 Reunion Committee is in the planning stages for its 40th year reunion to be held October 3-5. More information will be forthcoming. If you are a member of the Hoke County High School Class of 1974, contact Mary McCollumat (910) 875-4823, benz4keeps@aol.com or Barbara Smithat (910) 875-4912, bxsmith@ embarqmail.com with your contact information.

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

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

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

# SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS



Musicians' Appreciation Service adding an expiration date to the torship & development outreach August 24, 4 p.m. Joy Night Service September 10, 6 p.m. Women's Conference September 12-14 Choir Anniversary September 21, 4 pm. **Boy Scout Outing** 

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September 26-28

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**The Raeford United Methodist Church Preschool** has openings in the 3- and 4-year-old preschool classes. If interested, contact Karen Tapp for more information at 875-1772. (expires September 30, 2014)

**Hoke County Schools Prayer** Circle. Continue to pray for your schools. Churches, contact schools to see what you can do to help. (expires September 30, 2014)

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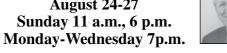
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# What is a Cataract? Thursday, September 11, 6:00 p.m.

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## Cooper

(Continued from page 1B) Cooper had eaten fish.

"We got on the bus and headed off," Cooper said. "We had to stop to get to the doctor. They gave me an IV. It really put a damper on it for me. I said, 'To heck with this, I'm going home.' If I wasn't married, I probably would have stuck it out."

Cooper had spent the previous seasons training with the Major League club in the spring, anxiously awaiting his call up to the big leagues. His stint in the Mexican Leagues put a damper on his earlier success in the minor leagues.

"If you stay with the regular team for a while and then drop down, that takes something out of you,"Cooper said. "I know I could've made it. I saw the other pitchers."

In hindsight, Cooper says he wishes he would have tried out as a position player. He had played nearly every position in high school, primarily serving as a third baseman when he was not on the mound.

He said he was the fastest player in camp, easily beating the other 100 or so players in spring training running drills.

"Ihada good arm and I could hit," Cooper said. "I believe I could've made it as a regular player."

### Baseball beginnings

Cooperhas played baseball for as long as he can remember. His earlier battles came in the backyard with his older brother, the late Bobby Cooper, and brother Harvey.

"Daddy'd bring us a rubber ball and we'd tear it to pieces playing 'Strike Out," Cooper said.

The games took place in the backyard of the family home on McGirt Gin Road, about six miles northeast of Maxton. A towering oak tree in the backyard provided both shade and defense against batted balls.

"You could hit it as hard as you wanted to, but one of them limbs would stop it," Cooper said. "Every once in a while it would get through and we'd have to go find it."

Cooper and his late brother, Bobby, remained close, often playing golf together after retiring from their manufacturing jobs. The men continued to play softball as they approached age 60.

Durant says Bobby hit one of the farthest balls he ever saw against a local Food Lion team in a tournament in Monroe back in the 1980s. He slugged the towering game-winner with two outs in the last inning.

"He hit the first one and it was shot, but it hooked foul. He hit the

nextpitcheven farther," Cooper said. While Bobby hung his cleats up a few years ago, Durant has not officially retired, keeping in shape in the batting cage at the home of his nephew Robert Cooper, Bobby's

"I haven't played in a couple of years. I can still hit, but running and throwing is tough," Cooper said.

### Working, playing together

When they were not playing softball, the Coopers could all be found working in the J.P. Stevens plant near Wagram. It was ideally located just across the Lumber River from their childhood home on McGirt Gin Road, about two miles west of the Campbell Soup plant near Maxton.

Durant Cooper started working maintenance at J.P. Stevens after it first opened in 1965, just after he graduated high school. He helped to install the plant's first machinery.

Cooper worked at the plant for more than 30 years before it shut down a few years ago. It was a tough time for not only him but for the hundreds of others who lost their jobs as a result.

Bobby had retired a couple of

**Hoke High School** 

Freshmen: August 18, 6 p.m.

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years earlier.

Still, Durant has fond memories. "It has not been bad," he said of his time in the textile mill. "I could've changed jobs several times. I was offered jobs at several other plants. One company offered me a job just so I could play softball with them."

Cooper's feats on the softball diamond are legendary, especially from his prime during the 1970s and early 1980s. In a 30-year career, he quite possibly hit more home runs than any other player in the state.

His heyday came in the mid- and late-1970s, when the J.P. Stevens team dominated the state circuit. The team won scores of weekend tournaments, league tournaments  $and \, anywhere \, else \, they \, were \, invited.$ 

Cooper won a couple of state most valuable player awards along the way.

The highlight came in the late '70s when they won an invitation to the softball World Series in St. Louis. The tournament was played in the old Busch Stadium, a spacious ballpark where few major leaguers

What St. Louis Cardinals' stars like Keith Hernandez and Ted Simmons rarely did with a baseball, Cooper did with a softball. He hit several balls over the spacious outfield walls, adding to his "Legend" status along the way.

Folks like Joe Miller of Red Springs remember it well. Miller worked alongside Cooper at J.P. Stevens and played alongside him on the softball diamond.

Miller, a longtime youth baseball coach in Red Springs, regards Cooper as the finest player he ever saw. "He could kill a ball," Miller said.

While hitting a softball out of Busch Stadium may have been his crowning achievement in the sport, it was not his only shining moment. Cooper was so feared as a hitter that most teams continued to walk him intentionally, sometimes with the bases loaded.

The intentional walks frustrated him almost as much as the 450-foot home runs thrilled him.

### Farm boy strength

Cooper's determination to succeed along with superhuman strength of the wrists and forearms were forged at an earlier time in his life on the family's 20-acre farm.

He grew up picking cotton and bailing hay.

"Them was some long days," Cooper said.

In addition to sometimes picking nearly 300 pounds of cotton a day, he and brother Bobby also milked about 30 cows every morning before heading off to school. His feats bring to mind another legendary farm boy, the late Jimmie Foxx, the Hall of Fame slugger for the Philadelphia A's and Boston Red Sox who grew

up on a Maryland dairy farm. And, like Foxx, Cooper could knock the cover off a ball as quickly as he could pop the cap on a Budweiser, the favorite brew of both sluggers. The fondness for the bottle hampered the careers of both talented men.

For Cooper, it nearly cost him his career. One week after graduating Hawkeye Indian School in 1965, Cooper was out celebrating with some friends at a local bootlegger's home in Hoke County.

Cooper got into a fight with a man, who pulled a .32 caliber handgun. Cooper said a struggle ensued for the gun and it discharged, striking him below the right wrist. The bullet lodged between his thumb and index finger.

Cooper's friends quickly rushed him to Scotland Memorial Hospital in nearby Laurinburg where doctors

found that the bullet had shattered two of the most important bones in his prized pitching hand.

The doctor said it was the end of my baseball career," a solemn Cooper said. "He said I wouldn't be able to pitch anymore."

Cooper was hospitalized for a couple of days. Doctors removed the bullet, reset the bones and wrapped his hand. Several friends and family members stayed by his bedside.

One of those who visited Cooper was the late Earl Hughes Oxendine, who was Cooper's principal at Hawkeye.

"He was really worried about my future," Cooper said.

And he was not the only one concerned. Several major league scouts had Cooper high on their list of prospects. He essentially missed becoming the first Lumbee to be drafted out of high school, in an era when minorities were still heavily discriminated against-especially in the rural, deep south where Cooper grew up playing for Hawkeye, an all-Indian school.

The senseless shooting jeopardized the career of perhaps the most talented Lumbee baseball player of

Cooper spent the next several weeks in agonizing pain. And not all of the pain was in his wounded hand. The throb in his heart was nearly overwhelming as the doctor's words echoed in his mind.

"It hurt my curveball a lot," Cooper said. "I used to be able to break the ball straight down. It didn't affect my fastball much."

Though the blazing fastball estimated by many to be in the mid-90s was still hot, his money pitch was damaged. In essence, the bullet's damage doomed Cooper's prospects of making it to the majors.

### The curve

Sparks Cooper taught his sons to throw the pitch at an early age. Durant Cooper still recalls his father's famous pitching sessions.

"Daddy showed me how to make the ball spin," Cooper said. "I used to watch it."

Cooper's first curve was a dandy, banging loudly against the wooden planks of the family's smokehouse. While the Cooper family's supply of winter meat was safe from destruction, the same did not hold true for many of the batters who would feel the wrath of his famous curve.

### High school coach

If Sparks Cooper was the engineer who formed his son's pitching foundation, then the late Forace Oxendine was the technician who helped fine tune it. Oxendine was Cooper's coach for two seasons at Hawkeye School.

"He helped me with and throwing," Cooper said. "He worked with me on my curve and on my mechanics."

Oxendine is regarded by many as not only the greatest Lumbee baseball player of all time but also the greatest athlete period. He played baseball and football, and ran track at UNC Pembroke in the 1950s.

Cooper remembers his former coach well.

"That man was an athlete," Cooper said. "I saw a lot of guys throw a baseball, but he was the only one who threw one that you could hear it coming at you through the wind. He had a curve that went straight down."

Oxendine was the first Lumbee professional athlete, playing baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in the early 1950s. He still holds the record for striking out 23 batters in a game at UNC Pembroke during the university's first-evernight game in May of 1956.

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"I don't know how he didn't make it," Cooper said.

Many of his friends and the people he played against say Oxendine more than had the talent to play in the majors. They say he had major league stuff in his mid-teens, a man playing against boys, even though it was often men twice his age.

But, they say, what Oxendine had in talent was hampered by the demons of his fierce temper and fondness for booze, a trait that would later haunt his talented student.

Oxendine was shot to death at a bootlegger's place in the Mt. Airy community near Pembroke in January 1964. As Cooper and others were preparing to begin their junior seasons, they now had to prepare for their beloved coach's funeral.

The news quickly circulated through Hawkeye Indian School when students returned to school that Monday.

"I hated that thing," Cooper said. "All us boys thought the world of

Cooper and several other players like Albert Carter, Luther Locklear and the late Charles Ronald Locklear served as pallbearers.

"I just remember the type of athlete he was and the way he cared abouthis players," Cooper said. "He was just a fine fella."

### Indian Saturday baseball

Cooper first heard about Oxendine in the 1950s, the glory days of Indian baseball. His daddy, Sparks Cooper, joined several other hundred Lumbee baseball players for Saturday baseball.

Most Lumbee communities had teams. James Albert Hunt, Marvin Bullard and Earl Lowery, Durant's uncle, played on the Hawkeye team.

The routine was pretty much the same for years. Farmers who had worked from sun up to sun down through the week would stop work at noon on Saturday to either play or watch the local games. They brought their wives and children along, often loading them in the bed of a pickup or on the back of the mule-drawn wagon.

Saddletree, Fairgrove, Wakulla, Hawkeye, Pembroke and Prospect battled it out every weekend, be it on a newly-constructed baseball diamond or in someone's cow pasture. The competition was fierce, as

community pride was at stake, and more than one contest continued with arguments and fistfights long after the last out was made. Through it all, several of the

Lumbee baseball players who went on to play college and professional baseball got their starts in the Saturday leagues, including Cooper, Gene Locklear and the late Dwight Lowry, both of Pembroke.

### "He was an inspiration"

Gene Locklear had already heard about Cooper by the time he started playing organized baseball in the early 1960s. Locklear, who is three years younger, regards Cooper as one of the greatest he ever faced—at any level.

Locklear became the first Lumbee to play in the majors in 1973 as a member of the Cincinnati Reds. The team was affectionately known as "The Big Red Machine" and is regarded as one of the greatest teams of all-time

"Everybody talked about him," Locklear said. "You knew his name. He was an inspiration to me. When he went on to play professional baseball, I knew I would be able to because he showed it was possible for an Indian to do it. It was something for an Indian to make it big back in those days. He was quite a baseball player and a great softball player too." Ironically, Locklear faced Coo-

per in a minor league game in Charlotte in 1970, Locklear's second season in professional baseball. It is the only time that two Lumbee Indians have faced each other in a professional game.

Locklear said he got two hits in three trips to the plate, which made up for the other times Cooper had bested him in Saturday baseball action in the old Indian league games.

Cooper remembers his famous battles with Gene Locklear. He also remembers another nemesis, Pembroke High School's Ray Brayboy, who gave him fits. Brayboy, a retired public school

superintendent, was a three-time All American at UNC Pembroke in the late 1960s. Brayboy was the first Lumbee Indian to obtain the coveted collegiate All American status. He played briefly in the Minnesota Twins organization before a knee injury derailed his career.

As memorable as his battles with Brayboy and Locklear were, they didn't compare to a showdown Cooper had with an old school veteran in Prospect during the summer of 1964. This was shortly after his junior year at Hawkeye. Cooper had spent most of the year mowing down the competition among the high school ranks.

However, he met his match that particular Saturday in the form of a 5-5 aging lefthander for Prospect by the name of James Moore. The mid-90s fastball that caused most of the younger players to shake in their pants was an inviting target for Moore, a small man who unbeknownst to Cooper-could hit for power.

Moore hit a towering drive onto the roof of Prospect School more than 400 feet away.

"He hit that ball on the top of the school house," Cooper said with a laugh and a wide grin. "I tried to throw a fastball past him and he killed it. He never let me forget it. I was young and thought I could throw it by everybody."

It was Cooper's official greeting to baseball.

"I laid it up there and he turned it around," Cooper said, still smiling widely. "He welcomed me to baseball. He let me know you can't throw it past everybody.'

In another twist of what ifs, what if Cooper had thrown Moore a curve instead of the heater.

We'll never know because they never did find that baseball. Cooper doesn't mind though, he never did dwell much on what if.

James Locklear is editor at Native Visions Magazine.

### SandHoke Early College **High School** Freshmen Parents: August 11, 5:30 p.m. Sophomores (2nd year students): August 12, 5:30 p.m. Juniors (3rd year students): August 14, 5:30 p.m. Hoke County Schools Open House for 2014 Seniors/Super Seniors: August 14, 5:30 p.m. West Hoke Middle August 20 • 2 - 6 p.m. East Hoke Middle August 20 • 3-7 p.m. Sandy Grove Middle August 20 • 4 - 7 p.m. **Elementary Schools** August 21



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Clancy Locklear, 48, 12090 Rennert 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

•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

•Margaret Michelle Weel, 50, 114 Kensington Court, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs

JudgeThomasV.Aldridgepresiding •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

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•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

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24, 3203 Fayetteville Road, Raeford,

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August 20, 2014

•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

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Dorothy M. Pittman, 30, 1798 Oakdale Gin Road, Raeford, school attendance law violation, remit cost

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Judge William C. McIlwain pre-

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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 "CUL-BRETH", 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.

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

is also made.

285, Map No. 4 of the Hoke County

Public Registry to which reference

Said property is commonly known as 502 Neill Maxwell Road, Raeford, NC 28376.

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### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

23-24C

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 indeb-tedness secured thereby and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements contained therein and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the indebted-ness 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

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 Mortgagor, 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

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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.

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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 December 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 Stonesthrow Lane. Raeford, NC 28376.

THIRD PARTY PURCHAS-ERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX, AND THE COURT COSTS OF FORTY-FIVE CENTS (45¢) PER ONE HUNDRED DOL-LARS (\$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 Stonesthrow 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

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**LEGAL NOTICE** NORTH CAROLINA **HOKE COUNTY** 

The undersigned, J. Hunter Stovall, having qualified on June 6, 2014, as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF ELBERT W. BUNN, deceased, hereby notifies all persons, firms or corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to J. Hunter Stovall, at PO Box 536, Southern Pines, NC 28388, on or before November 13, 2014, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of August, 2014. J. Hunter Stovall Personal Representative Estate of Elbert W. Bunn PO Box 536 Southern Pines, NC 28388 22-25C

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE** IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF **HOWARD ALEXANDER** MCDOUGALD

14 E 137 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Howard Alexander McDougald, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Isabelle R. McDougald, Executrix, of the estate of the decedent at 824 East Donaldson Ave, Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 6th day of November, 2014, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix.

This the 6th day of August, Isabelle R. McDougald, Executrix Of the estate of Howard Alexander McDougald 824 East Donaldson Ave. Raeford, NC 28376 22-25P

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE GENERAL COURT

**OF JUSTICE** OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 14SP12

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY KANE B. BEARD DATED JANUARY 2, 2009 AND RE-CORDED IN BOOK 836 AT PAGE 715 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 1 in a subdivision known as Pine Lake Estates, according to a Plat of the same being duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 258, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

And Being more commonly known as: 672 Loop Rd, Raeford, NC 28376

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Kane B. Beard.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "ASIS, WHEREIS." 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 relat-

ing 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 August 13, 2014. Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite

Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 333-8107 http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/ 11-012578 24-25C

### GENERAL NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

14 CVD 60 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. DEBORAH A. PATTERSON", 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 State and County aforesaid, and more particularly

described as follows: "BEGINNING in Ed Fuller's line in a field road and runs 75 feet to a stake; thence North 50 feet to a stake; thence East 75 feet to a stake, the field road; thence as the road to the BEGINNING corner, being a lot on which a three (3) room dwelling house now stands.

This being the same property conveyed to Agnes Patterson, by Deed from Delores Donald, et al, recorded in Book 316, at Page 354 of the Hoke County Public Registry, to which reference is hereby made."

PIN 59406-00-01-014 This conveyance is made subject to any and all restrictive covenants, easements and right-of way of

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 abovedescribed 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 cash 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

### **GENERAL NOTICE OF** TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

14 CVD 105

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. FRANK H. GLADHILL, JR", 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 Quewhiffle Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

"BEGINNING at an iron in the western edge of N. C. Highway No. 211, the southeast corner of the Phillips Store lot deeded to Ruth Lytle Phillips by deed duly recorded in Book 122, at Page 27 of Hoke County Registry, and running from said beginning point with the edge of the Highway S 28-00 E 694.5 feet more or less, to another iron in the edge of the highway, the northeastern most corner of Peachtree Hills Subdivision according to plat recorded in Map Book 6, Page 18 of Hoke County Registry, and running thence S 58-00 W 1,325 feet to a concrete marker; thence S 47-00 W 1,145 feet to a concrete marker; thence S 74-00 W 1,470 feet to a concrete marker; thence N 66-30 W 924 feet to an iron; thence N 17-00 W 222 feet to an iron; thence N 73-20 E 652 feet to a stake, gum pointer; thence N 32-30 W 873 feet to a stake at branch and gum pointer, the southwest corner of the 26.6 acre tract of land deeded to Warren by deed recorded in Book 99, Page 404, and running thence N 75-00 E 2,495 feet to a stake by a fence; thence N 2-00 E 382.5 feet to an iron at a fence; thence N 47-45 E with Riley's line 917 feet to a stake in the right of way of the aforementioned N. C. Highway 211; thence with the highway S36-30E558 feet to an iron in the edge of the highway, Phillips corner; thence with Phillips line S 64-30 W 400 feet to an iron, another of Phillips corners; thence with his line S 35-30 E 138 feet to an iron; thence S7-00 E257.5 feet to an iron; thence N 66-15 E 500 feet to an iron in the edge of N. C. Highway No. 211 to the point of BEGINNING and containing 140.1 acres, more or less. This description is taken from a plat G.C. LYTLE PROPERTY, QUE-WHIFFLE TOWNSHIP, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, as drawn and surveyed by R. H. Gatlin, Registered Surveyor, from existing map and deed references."; PIN 59406-00-01-010.

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

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 abovedescribed 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 cash 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

NOTICE OF SERVICE **OF PROCESS** BY PUBLICATION STATE OF SOUTH **CAROLINA** IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF AIKEN DOCKET NO.:

2014-DR-02-1034 NOTICE OF ADOPTION **PROCEEDINGS** TO THE DEFENDANT: JESUS "JOHN ROE", **BIRTH FATHER AND** "JOHN DOE", **BIRTH FATHER** 

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

1. That an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Aiken County on June 19, 2014, and in this Complaint you are alleged to be the father of a Caucasian/Hispanic, male child born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on June 10, 2014.

2. That the Plaintiffs in the above captioned Notice are not named for the purpose of confidentiality; however, the Court knows the true identity of the Plaintiffs and in responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 2014-DR-02-1034.

3. That if Notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond in this action, you must notify the above named Court at Aiken County Courthouse, Clerk of Court at Aiken County Family Court 109 Park Ave. SE, Aiken, South Carolina 29801, in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond. The above named Court must be informed of your current address and any changes of your address

during the adoption proceedings. 4. That your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitutes your consent to the adoption and forfeiture of all of your rights and obligations to the above identified child. It is further alleged that your consent to this adoption is not required under S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-310 and that your parental rights should be terminated pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-7-2570 (7).

to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-730 (E). Raymond W. Godwin, Esq. (SC Bar #2162) Julie M. Rau (SC Bar #69650) 1527 Wade Hampton Blvd. Greenville, SC 29609 PH (864) 241-2883 FAX: (864) 255-4342 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAIN-

This notice is given pursuant

**TIFFS** Date: July 17, 2014 23-25C

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE** IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF ELIZABETH M. BROWN

14 E 144 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Elizabeth M. Brown, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Sheila Evans, Executrix, of the estate of the decedent at 1450 Goose Pond Rd., Red Springs, NC 28377, on or before the 6th day of November, 2014, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix.

This the 6th day of August, 2014. Sheila Evans, Executrix Of the estate of Elizabeth M. Brown 1450 Goose Pond Rd. Red Springs, NC 28377

22-25P

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT **OF JUSTICE** DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF HOKE

14SP100 IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY AN-TONIO GARCIA AND MARIA G. GARCIA, TO L. HERMAN GARDNER AND WIFE, VERNA **B.GARDNERINTHEORIGINAL** AMOUNT OF \$113,000.00, DAT-ED MAY 26, 2005, RECORDED IN BOOK 671, PAGE 375 OF 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 stipulations and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owners and holders of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Hoke County Courthouse at 11:00AM on August 29, 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:

Lying and being in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina and BEGINNING at the southeast intersection of Central Avenue and McLauchlin Street, and runs with McLauchlin Street South 1 degree 30 minutes West 153.00 feet to a stake; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes East 357.70 feet to the Lumber Bridge Road; thence with the western edge of said road 227.60 feet to the south margin off Central Avenue; thence with Central Avenue North 88 degrees 30 minutes West 192.30 feet to the beginning. This description is subject to the right-ofway claimed by the N.C. Highway Department. For further reference, see Deed Book 614, Page 260, Hoke County Public Registry. This property is more commonly known as the Produce Lot at the corner of Hwy 20/401 Business, Raeford, North Carolina 28376, and the record owner of the property as reflected on the records of the Hoke County Register of Deeds is Antonio Garcia.

The above described property will be sold subject to any unpaid county and city ad valorem taxes. including those for the year 2014, and all assessments, if any. The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS," and neither the trustee nor the holders of the note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents, or authorized representative of either the trustee or 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 relation to any such condition expressly are disclaimed.

The highest bidder at the sale will be required to make a cash deposit of five percent (5%) or a minimum of \$750.00, whichever is greater, of the successful bid. The sale will be reported to the Court and will remain open for advance or upset bids for a period of ten days. If no advance or upset bids are filed within the time allowed and no objections are made, the undersigned will apply to the Court for an Order confirming the sale.

This the 20th day of August, Emily R. Greene, Substitute Trustee Willcox, McFadyen, Fields & Sutherland 112 E. Edinborough Avenue Raeford, NC 28376 (910) 875-4065 24-25C

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 14 SP 119 NORTH CAROLINA, **HOKE COUNTY**

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by John E. Conway and Amanda Conway to David W. Allred, Trustee(s), which was dated October 13, 2006 and recorded on October 16, 2006 in Book 734 at Page 1086, 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 September 2, 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 No. 32 as shown on that map entitled Colonial Charters Property of Kinlaw Development Company, dated September 1997, and drawn by Mooreman, Kizer and Reitzel, Inc., recorded in Slide 2-15, Map 004, Page 005, Hoke County Public Registry, NC.

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

Said property is commonly known as 109 Constitution Drive, Raeford, NC 28376.

THIRD PARTY PURCHAS-ERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX.AND THE COURT COSTS OF FORTY-FIVE CENTS (45¢) PER ONE HUNDRED DOL-LARS (\$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 John E. Conway and wife, Amanda Conway.

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

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### GENERAL NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

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 Septembert, 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 McLauclinTownship, HokeCounty, North Carolina, and BEGINNING at the intersection of the centerline of SR 1406 with the centerline of SR 1408 and runs with Road 1406 N77-30 E 865 feet to the McFadyen Hometract 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-

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

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 abovedescribed 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, 2014at 10:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidderfor 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

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

THIRD PARTY PURCHAS-ERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX, AND THE COURT COSTS OF FORTY-FIVE CENTS (45¢) PERONEHUNDREDDOLLARS (\$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 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 13-16218-FC02

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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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 secur $ing\,by\,the\,said\,Deed(s)\,of\,Trust, and$ 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 Coxe 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.

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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.

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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 requires the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

THIS IS A COMMUNICA-TION FROM A DEBT COL-LECTOR. 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

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### **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 &

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, Adminis-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** TRUSTEXECUTEDBY NICHO-LAS 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.

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

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The date of this Notice is July 21, 2014.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite

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### **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, Adminis-

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 OUNTY 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 Mc-

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

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

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.

Cheyanne 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

A previous report incorrectly listed their high schools

contribute to rural communities

upon graduation from college.

### 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

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### Addiction documentary to be shown

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

A free showing of the doc- perpetuate a lurid fascination with umentary "The Anonymous 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 gain 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. I

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

•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 Denice Lyons, Ernie B. Lyons, Evelyn Denise Lyons, Geraldine Lyons, Gwendolyn Lyons, Henry D. Lyons, Iris Lyons, Isaiah Lyons, Ivan A. Lyons, Miya Lyons, Mona

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

•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

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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

•Lot 66 Trappers Run, from

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

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•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

•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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