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Schools put child, staff protections in place

By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

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Over the course of the last year, Hoke County Schools administrators have made efforts to bring in more support personnel, implement safety devices and increase visibility for school security to try and keep students and staff safe.

From purchasing new metal

detectors and hiring a mental health coordinator to launching an awareness campaign for students, it's all about taking a holistic approach to address any problems before they can start – but also being prepared for emergencies, officials said.

One aspect of the preparedness has been adding to its physical security measures. The school system received several grants and some local money from the Hoke County Board of Commissioners. Administrators used those dollars in a variety of ways to update the schools' security systems and safety devices, including buying new metal detectors, Assistant Superintendent Roger Edwards said.

"From the administrative part of it, I think this year we made a lot of progress in the (hardware) things, equipment and things of that nature, the environment around (the schools)," Edwards said. "We've addressed a need we've had to update and add to our metal detectors for events and things like that."

The school system bought eight new walk-through metal detectors to replace the old ones, which were "to the point where many of them were unreliable," Edwards said. Now there are five stationed at Hoke High and one each at the middle schools, along with some new hand-held metal detectors. Principals can use them for events or for random checks during the school day as they decide necessary.

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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FaruhkAyala-Seron (left) addresses the Class of 2019 at SandHoke Early College High School's commencement exercise Friday. The school graduated its largest class (above) in its history. (Catharin Shepard photos)

91 graduate in SandHoke Class of 2019 ceremony Friday

SandHoke Early College High above them. Guest speaker Lau-

graduating with not only their four-year high school diploma, but also associates' degrees that will help them as they proceed into higher education or the start of their future careers.

will join the Lions this fall. The school offers instruction for students beginning with ninth-grade freshmen to the year 13 "super seniors," who put in an extra fifth year of public schooling to earn their associate's degree – although some manage to complete both programs in just four years. Many of the students will go

on to attend colleges across North Carolina, while some plan to enter the military or workforce. The graduation is always held earlier than the Hoke High School's due to its unique schedule, which follows Sandhills Community College's calendar. Hoke County High School's graduation is set for June 14.

School graduated one of its largest classes yet Friday during special ceremonies held at Sandy Grove Middle School.

A total of 91 students walked the stage, got their diplomas and turned their tassels while a slideshow of their photos, names and future plans played on the screen ren Cuss gave a special address to the class.

SandHoke has limited space and admits about 100 students per year, making the Class of 2019 one of the largest cohorts to stay together and go on to graduate together in the school's history.

The students included those

SandHoke Early College High School has about 500 students total, including the up and coming class of ninth graders who

Search begins for Parks and Rec director By CATHARIN SHEPARD with information about the job,

By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

Hoke County is now accepting applications for the position of Parks and Recreation Director. The county posted an advertisement Tuesday on its website its requirements and salary. Hoke has been without a director for its recreation programs and parks facilities since March 19 when Kendrick Maynor resigned. Maynor served as director for about six *(See DIRECTOR, page 7)*

Probe into break-in at Thomas' apartment stalled by computer scam

By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

Police in Greenville are still looking into two reported break-

ins at an apartment leased by Hoke Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor candidate Allen Thomas.

Thomas brandished a shotgun to defend himself against an apparent home invasion at the apartment earlier this year. A few days later, he returned to the apartment (See THOMAS, page 6)



Reunion

Steve Phillips opens the reunion of the Hoke County High School Class of 1965 Tuesday at Wilburn Lofts. More pictures, page 4. (Ken MacDonald photo)



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BROWSING THE FILES



Not everyone who shows up at the state Driver's License Bureau comes with a hot new set of wheels. This Hoke resident, F.B. Campbell, rolled up to the testing station in a classic 1919 Essex to be examined by Joe Sellers. (May 18, 1972)



The Upchurch Eagles finished their first season with seven wins and three losses. From left, row one, Tondea Jackson, Cammy Bounds and Mary Allen, bat girls, Larry Miller, manager; row two, David Howell, Wally Jordan, Terrance McRae, Kenny Carpenter, John MacDonald; row three, Tim Frahm, James Gates, Franklin Jordan, James McQueen, Jimmy Elleby, Eddie Pennell; row four, Andy Posey, Ernie Pecora, James Rainey, Allen Thomas, Noah Hendrix, Larry Black, and Howard Barkley (coach). (May 18, 1972)

75 Years Ago May 18, 1944

When the word reaches Raeford that the Invasion of Naziheld Europe begins, the fire siren will be sounded, one long blast, and this will be followed by the ringing of the bells of the several churches. This is to be followed by a prayer service of half-hour's duration in each of the churches. Other services will be held during the day, and the churches will be open at all times. All stores and business houses, if they are open when the word of the invasion arrives, are asked to close for this first prayer service. Mayor N.L. McFadyen issued a call to all person of Raeford to join with the churches of the town in the observance of hours of prayer.

of the state will not make a man good, unless he is good before he is elected, and after a man passes through a campaign for the election to the office, he is not likely to be considered good. If these things told on candidates are true, the candidates could be indicted in the courts. They could not escape it, so campaign lies are lies." Enos Blair, extension agronomist at N.C. State College. He warns, however, that while kudzu will provide grazing for about five or six months each year, it should never be grazed too closely.

"Eligibility for Grade I tires is not a guarantee that such tires are available, since a recent flood of applications by newly-eligible



Lion's Club Golf Tournament Championship flight: from left, Raz Autry, Dean Hundly, Junior Yarborough, Bill Lentz, Lion's Club president Dale Ormsby. (May 18, 1972)



The handbell choir of Raeford United Methodist Church: front row, Linda Teal (from left), Dwan Upchurch, Kathy Currie; second row, Susan Townsend, Julia Ann Gibson; third row, Cissy Moses, Julie Barnwell; fourth row, Evelyn Brown, Mrs. Lewis Upchurch and Jane Sellars. (May 18, 1972)

nualChamber of Commerce Dinner was Jack Riley of Carolina Power and Light Co. He said charges against the company concerning pollution are highly exaggerated, and the company is doing everything it can to control pollution. He said the company needs to double its service in the next six years to meet the growing needs of the state. Following a special meeting of Raeford City Council, a \$750,000 bond issue will go to voters. If passed the bonds will provide funds for the city to extend and enlarge the water works for Raeford, including drilling an additional well and adding water mains. Treatment facilities will also be improved.

will present its annual spring concert tonight. The 45-minute program will include the first movement from the London Symphony by Franz Joseph Hayden.

The Hoke High varsity girls track team won the state track meet last week. Several girls emerged as state champions as state record were broken. They were Debbie of a firearm a misdemeanor. The ordinance forbids firing a gun within 300 feet of a building not owned by the person firing the gun, where the bullet hits within 600 feet of a building not owned by the person, withing 75 feet of a public parking area or within 75 feet of anyone against their consent.

Four Hoke sheriff's deputies hear horns blowing and pounding on the back door of the office, and find a man with his daughter who wasn't breathing. J.C. Byrd, S.C. Todd, J. Blackburn and Robert Ramirez spring into action, saving her life by getting her temperature down and summoning an ambulance.

The Hoke County High School baseball team made a comeback to win over Red Springs. Outstanding plays were made by Alan McGee, Joe Upchurch, Clayton Bouyer and Floyd Keith.

From Poole's Medley by D. Scott Poole: "Being governor

"Cotton dropped from \$1 a pound in 1865 to 8 cents a pound in 1873, and for the next thirty years the country, the South and West in particular, were broke all the time."

"I remember the name and appearance of all the dogs in our Drowning Creek neighborhood: Beave, Tige, Buss, South, Sweep, Queen, Tidy, Lyd, etc. The calves were named a few hours after birth, like colts. The hogs were unnamed. Friendship with hogs were not common as with other animals, although some of them were pets all right."

From "State College Answers Timely Farm Questions:"

Q. Is it best to cut kudzu for hay or graze it?

A. "Just take your choice," says

drivers far exceeds the Hoke County Ration board's quota of passenger tires, Ryan McBryde, chairman of the Hoke County war price and ration board said today. 'Although the tire situation has improved considerably,' Mr. McBryde said, 'there are still only enough for the most essential use.'"

47 Years Ago May 18, 1972

The City of Raeford announced Monday plans for the voluntary annexation of Burlington Industries. The addition of 100 acres will add about \$9.5 million to the assessed property value for the town.

Guest speaker for the 25th an-

Hoke High School's band, under the direction of Jimmy James, Little, Pat McKoy, Janie Beatty, Angela McPhatter, Barbara Lide, Linda Davis, Pat Hart, Annie Graham and Renetta Davis.

25 Years Ago May 18, 1994 The Hoke Board of Commis-

sioners passes an ordinance at the request of Sheriff Wayne Byrd to make the irresponsible discharge

The effort to build a stage beside the Hoke Library has reached \$10,000. The goal is \$60,000.

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99 Years Ago 'Store breaking' May 6, 1920

Editor's note: Reprinted verbatim

Some thief or thieves broke in to McLauchlin Company's store between closing time Saturday night and Monday morning. It looked like a slim chance of overtaking the rogue, but Chief Cockman brought his dogs up to the store after 8

o'clock Monday. They took the track and went straight as the scamp to George Cromartie's room and to his bed, got upon the bed and lay down. George was taken into custody and admitted his guilt.

Geroge has been employed by McLauchlin Co. to drive their delivery truck. He pried up a window to gain an entrance. Not a great deal was taken, and it is thought he left before he had finished his job, for a money drawer was left open

that contained only a five dollar bill and that was not taken. He doubtless thought he had been discovered.

Later 10 shirts, recognized as stock from McLauchlin Co's store were found in George's quarters.

George told the officers that Bud Purcell or Bud McNair had some of the shirts and upon search seven more were found in the cook's house.

So there is a good case against George and Bud. They are both in jail.

May 15, 2019 THE NEWS-JOURNAL Missing skydiver found safe

skydiver with connections to Hoke County was located safely after going missing for 10 days, according to law enforcement.

Amanda Festi reported on social media that her husband, 42-year-old Brian Festi, walked away from Skydive Paraclete XP the evening of April 30 and had not been heard from since. The Festis are both skydivers with multiple national championships from the U.S. Parachute Association. Brian Festi works at the skydiving facil-

A well-known champion ity at the airport in Hoke County according to his Facebook page.

> His wife contacted authorities and the National Center for Missing and Endangered, which put out an alert to the public seeking information about Festi's whereabouts.

> Detective Steven Blakley of the Hoke County Sheriff's Office reported Thursday night that Brian Festi had been located and was all right. Amanda Festi posted a message to her Facebook page acknowledging her husband's

return

"Festi is safe! So much thanks to the National Center For Missing and Endangered, Inc., the Sheriff Department, and everyone who helped with search parties for helping us find him safe and sound," she wrote.

There was no suspected foul play involved, according to authorities

The couple lives in DeLand, Florida but they are relocating to Hoke County, according to sources.

East Donaldson blocked for gas leak

A homeowner working in the yard of a house on East Donaldson Avenue accidentally struck a gas line last week, resulting in a brief evacuation of the area.

The Raeford Fire Department and Raeford Police Department blocked the streets around the home on East Donaldson while waiting for the natural gas company to respond to the damaged line. The homeowner is renovating the house and was doing some digging in the yard, and had even located the gas line – but still accidentally struck the threequarter-inch pipe, according to the Raeford Fire Department.

Authorities blocked the streets and went door to door to warn residents in the neighborhood about the gas leak. Many were not home at the time, as the leak happened around 3:20 p.m. Thursday. A few chose to shelter in their homes with

Authorities arrested Davion

their air conditioning systems turned off and doors and windows closed, and a few chose to evacuate the area, according to the fire department.

The gas leak wasn't very strong and once the gas company repair crew arrived, it didn't take long to fix the problem. People were able to return to their homes and the roads reopened about an hour later, officials said. No one was injured

Coach George needs your help

I recently wrote about giving back to the community. Some give nothing and feel that the world owes them. Some, like George Small, choose to make giving back the focus of their life. I was happy to hear that George had taken the position of head football coach at Hoke High. It is always great when a native son or daughter chooses to move back to the area to share their success and life lessons with our young people.

George Small is not small in stature or heart. As a football player, he excelled at Hoke High, moved on to NCA&T University and then to the NFL and CFL, playing with many teams including the Pittsburgh Steelers. After his playing career, wishing to share his knowledge and inspire others, he entered the coaching profession. George held many positions in the college coaching ranks, being mentored by great coaches and mentoring his players. He was named Coach of the Year in the conference as head coach at his alma mater NCA&T. His football credentials speak for themselves.

George is a few years younger than me, but was a friend of my brothers and even helped on my family's farm as a teenager. I knew of his success as a football player but had no contact with him for many years. I was a little surprised when, after the recent death of my mother, George contacted me to express his deep sympathy. I was not aware that my parents had meant so much to him. It is always great when someone tells you that your parents were a positive influence on them.



George, like many young people, could have gone the wrong way in life, but chose to work hard and focus on football. He, helped by people in the Hoke community, made good and developed a desire to guide other young people toward success. Hoke County is very lucky that George chose to come back to Hoke High. After seeing so much of the world as a player and coach, he brings his great experiences, love of the game and desire to help young people to our county.

I had lunch with George recently and he explained his mission. I am sure he understood that there would be great challenges to build a winner at Hoke High, but I am not sure he realized that the football program received so little support from the community. Before George contacted me, I had been asked by Steve Phillips, former Hoke High football star and longtime friend, to contribute to the purchase of a blocking sled for the football program. I was very surprised at the request, thinking that this piece of essential practice equipment would be a standard at a large high school. I never concerned myself with such details when I was hitting the sled in high school, but I was aware that the local Booster Club was involved in raising money for the support of athletics. Under the

leadership of Raz Autry, the community raised the money to build the current stadium that bears his name. According to George, it could use some improvements.

When I attended Hoke High, athletics were a focus of the community. Everyone attended the games and many travelled to away games. Friday night was high school football night, a big social event. Even then, some schools were perennial power houses. Looking back, it was not that they were better athletes, only that they had better facilities and support.

Hoke County is a poor county, and with school budgets stretched to the breaking point, there is insufficient money to fill the need for extra-curricular activities, be they sports or the arts. Hoke athletes must gauge their success against programs that have greater resources and community support. George is trying to stir up support for his program, but he needs the help of the parents of the athletes, the students and the community. Winning will generate more support, but help is needed to level the playing field with such programs as Richmond, Laurinburg and Pinecrest; traditional rivals.

Hoke, due to a large influx of citizens who have no ties to the area, and the exodus of students plate, get involved and create a great experience for our young people. George is a gem but he needs help.

of the 900 block of McPhail to private schools, must work Road in Raeford on charges harder to get community support, but the potential is great. Parents and citizens, please step up to the

More later

Man charged with vehicle theft Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested a man last week for allegedly stealing a vehicle, **McOueen** among other

reported crimes.

McQueen, 19, of the 100 block of Heron Drive in Raeford on felony charges including five counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one count larceny, one count larceny of firearm, one count of financial transaction card theft and four counts of misdemeanor larcenv.

into several vehicles in the area of Drew Street in Raeford between May 8 and May 9 and took a vehicle. Law enforcement called to the scene reportedly connected McQueen to the crimes and took him into custody May 10.

McQueen was held under a \$10,000 bond.

McQueen allegedly broke

Man charged with drug possession



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possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, one count of misdemeanor possession of marijuana paraphernalia and one traffic violation of driving left of center.

Authorities with the sheriff's office traffic unit were patrolling in the area of North Old Wire Road and North Shannon Road May 8 and conducted a traffic stop on Drewry's vehicle.

including one count of felony

"Deputies were able to smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Deputies conducted a probably cause search of the vehicle and located approximately 106 grams of marijuana in the trunk," according to the sheriff's office.

Investigators arrested Drewry at the scene and transported him to the Hoke County Detention Center. Drewry was held under a \$3,000 secured bond.

New business brings "perfection" to cars

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

rested Joshua Ray Drewry, 31,

A new business venture in Hoke County brings a keen eye for detail to help customers keep their vehicles looking clean and bright, without even leaving the driveway.

Iames Thompson is launch

Now that he and his wife are Hoke County residents, he's going into business for himself.

"I've been detailing over 20 years. I just started back up,' Thompson said.

He decided to name his business "Absolute Perfection" because that's what he demands from himself in providing service

and offers a variety of services for customers. A full detail includes an exterior wash, wax and shine of trim and tires, and also comes with a full interior deep clean including carpet shampoo and cleaning fo all surfaces. The full detail has a price tag of \$125 for cars and \$150 for vans, trucks

Ceremony honors fallen law officers

The Hoke County Sheriff's made the ultimate sacrifice," Raeford Police Department Office will hold its annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony Thursday, May 16 at 9 a.m.

The ceremony honors all law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty in Hoke County. The ceremony will take place in front of the Hoke County Courthouse located at 304 North Main Street. The event is open to the public.

"Please come join with us in honoring those who have

the sheriff's office said in a press release.

Raeford Chief of Police Marc Godwin will be the guest speaker for the event.

For more information, contact the sheriff's office at (910) 875-5111.

Hoke's fallen officers include Chief Pleasant Clay Oakes, 49, of the Raeford Police Department, who was shot and killed August 31, 1912; Patrolman Albert Howell, 37, of the

who died of a heart attack September 14, 1940 after chasing a suspect on foot through the Raeford Cemetery; Trooper William T. Herbin of the North Carolina Highway Patrol who was shot and killed August 31, 1964 while conducting a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 401; and Det. Charles Harris, 45, of the Southern Pines Police Department, who was shot and killed in his home April 4, 1991.

ing "Absolute Perfection Mobile Detailing," a business that will come to customers anywhere in the county.

Thompson has been in the car detailing industry for a long time. He started working in the auto detailing business when he was just a teenager living in Florida. He moved to North Carolina a few years ago and worked in the field while living in Durham.

"I learned more over the years and by the time I was 18, I could do pretty much anything from wet sanding, and buffing a car like you would at a paint and body shop...I can do pretty much everything now," Thompson said.

to his customers, Thompson said. He's a one-man self-starter with no other employees; others might not provide the same level of attention to detail that he does when servicing vehicles, he explained.

He's seen some vehicles with interesting stories behind them over the years. Recently he detailed a car that needed a thorough scrubbing inside after a couple didn't manage to make it to the hospital in time for their baby to be born. The mom and baby – and the car's upholstery – all made it out just fine, Thompson said.

The mobile service can travel just about anywhere that Thompson's equipment trailer will fit,

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and SUVs.

The interior detail and exterior detail packages only are \$75 each, and Thompson will also completely clear and buff headlights for a \$50 flat rate. The smallest package is a "fluff" detail for \$35, which includes a wash, tire clean and shine, interior vacuum, surface wipe-down and more.

Since his business is mobile, Thompson works by appointment and can come to customers on their schedule. Interested potential customers can check out reviews of his business online. To inquire about services or to make an appointment, call Thompson at (910) 322-5585.

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Raeford Police reported the following recent incidents:

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Sexual battery, 1200 block of Fulton Street, victim's name withheld in accordance with policy. This investigation is still in progress.

the 700 block of North Jackson Street.

Simple assault, 900 block of Lewis Street, victim Johnathan Stines

May 6

Larceny of a canine, 100 block of Lantern Lane, victim Nakeisha Locklear

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Fred Plummer jokes with the crowd about their age.



Brenda Strother Knelson greets a friend.



John Plummer prepares to return thanks.



Ann Teal (left) and Ellen Conoly Self catch up.





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Reunion

Perhaps most high school classes don't get together every year, but tell that to members of the Hoke County High School Class of 1965. They do. This year the gathering was downtown Raeford at Wilburn Lofts and drew about 50 classmates and spouses. (Ken MacDonald photos)



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

May 15

HOKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TORCH RUN SHIRTS are available for purchase. Please call Deputy Arbos at 910-624-4602 for more information. All proceeds go to the North Carolina Special Olympics.

May 18

The TORIANO CHAKAR COOK SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION BANQUET will be held in the Hoke County Senior Center at 7 p.m. The attire is formal. For tickets and information contact Dorothy Cook Haith at 910-705-1671.

Annual Hoke County COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY AND YARD SALE — Free screenings (blood pressure, blood glucose, HIV/STD, car seat safety checks and health information) will be held at Hoke County Health Department, 683 East Palmer Road, Raeford, from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Rain date is June 8. Sponsored by Hoke County Public Health Advisory Council and Community Partners. For more information, call the Health Education at 910-875-3717 ext. 2104

May 20

The HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING will be held at 4 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room located in the Pratt Building, 227 N. Main Street, Raeford. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Hoke County Department of Social Services at 910-875-8725.

May 24

Hoke County Parks & Recreation will host the FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL from 6 - 9 p.m. in the LE McLaughlin (senior room) Bldg. 423 E. Central Avenue, Raeford. This is a potluck (bring a dish) event. We will have pool, cards, board games, corn hole, food and fellowship. Call Pat Graham at 910-878-1255 for more information.

May 25

SUMMER BASH, A LIVE PRO WRESTLING EVENT, will be held at Hoke County High School, 505 S. Beth Rd., Raeford, at 7 p.m. A Meet and Greet will begin at 5 p.m. General Admission - \$10 ages 16 and up, \$5 for kids under 16 and kids under 5 are free; front row - \$15 ages 16 and up and \$10 for kids under 16. This event is presented by RWC & Victor Andrews to raise money for the Lupus Foundation.

June 4

COFFEE WITH COPS will be held at Hardee's at 4 p.m. June 6, August 1 & September 5

HOKE COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS for 2019 will be held at 6:30 p.m. at We Care Connections Building located at The Harvest Church, 409B E. Central Ave., Raeford. Call or email 910-875-5796 or 910-848-0290 (mobile) HYPERLINK "mailto:lisabarnett.hcltrg@gmail.com"lisabarnett. hcltrg@gmail.com for more information. July, October, November and December dates to be announced.

June 7

AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS will be held at the Hoke County Health Department from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Classes include adult, child and infant lifesaving techniques. Class fees are CPR/ AED only - \$45, First Aid only - \$45 & First Aid/CPR/ AED - \$60. Classes may be changed/canceled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. For more information or to register for a class call 910-875-3717 ext: 2106.

June 7-11

Hoke County Parks & Recreation WASHINGTON DC TRIP had to be cancelled due to not having enough participants. All participants that paid monies will be given a full refund. Call 910-875-4035 for more information.

June 14-16

The HOKE COUNTY WAGON TRAIN will travel through downtown Raeford at 11 a.m. Friday, June 14th, traveling to 1200 Alex Baker Road. Cost is \$10 per person, \$5 twelve and under. There will be music, George Balch at 910-875-4410, e-mail HYPERLINK "mailto:gbalch@nc.rr.com"gbalch@nc.rr.com or visit us on Facebook. (*expires June 2019*)

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 17 meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 145 Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown

Road at the Raeford Airport. For information contact Adjutant George Balch at 910-875-4410 or e-mail HY-PERLINK "mailto:gbalch@nc.rr.com"gbalch@nc.rr. com (*expires June 2019*)

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. (expires June 2019)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 20 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For information, call Calvin Ely, 910-261-6716 or John McRae, Adjacent, 910-286-1705. (*expires June 2019*)

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, 615 South Page St. All present and past Special Forces soldiers are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Chapter 62 President, Tom Galbicsek at: tngabs@yahoo.com (expires June 2019)

Others

- RAEFORD-HOKE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL AL-LIANCE monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Edinborough Restaurant. All pastors and ministers are invited. Contact Tom Lee at HYPERLINK "mailto:RaefordFBC@gmail.com" RaefordFBC@gmail.com (*expires July 2019*)
- The TIA HART COMMUNITY RECOVERY PRO-GRAM, Inc. meets Mondays 7 p.m. & 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays 7 p.m. at 116 E. Elwood Ave. The 2nd & 4th Friday we have a food give-away. For more information, call 910-565-3063. (*expires June 2019*)
- RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS Apply today at MOCEDC, 7350 Turnpike Road or call 910-875-6623. (expires June 2019)
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Raeford United Methodist Church, 308 N. Main St. The meeting is open to everyone having a problem with alcohol. Entry is in the back - go to the small meeting room to the right. For more information, call 910-479-1781. (*expires June 2019*)
- PROGRAMS for CHILDREN are held at the Hoke County Public Library. Call 910-875-2502 for more information. Mondays - Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.;
 HOMEWORK 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.; PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME – Storytime for children ages 3-5. (*expires July 2019*)
- 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 910-875-2502 to register and for more information. (*expires June 2019*)
- 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 June 2019)

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 June 2019) DO YOU NEED HOME REPAIR FROM HURRICANE

FLORENCE? During Hurricane Florence, if you applied for FEMA and your issues were not resolved, please contact Hoke County Long Term Recovery Group, We Care Connections Building located at The Harvest Church, 409B E. Central Ave., Raeford. Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday & Friday by appointment only. 910-875-5796 or 910-848-0290 (mobile) HYPERLINK "mailto:lisabarnett.hcltrg@ gmail.com"lisabarnett.hcltrg@gmail.com. (expires August



Ernest W. Davis Sr.

Ernest W. Davis Sr. Ernest Woodrow Davis Sr. of Southern Pines died Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in his home.

He was born in Hoke County on September 17, 1919 to Ernest Jasper Davis and Mary Catherine Campbell Davis. He was pre-

ceded in death by five siblings. He is survived by his wife of

77 years, Charlotte Holt Davis of Southern Pines; a son, Ernest W. (Woody) Davis Jr. and JoAnne of Southern Pines; a daughter, Linda Davis Covington of Southern Pines; three grandchildren, James Edwin (Ned) Covington III and wife, Laura, Shannon Davis Viall and husband, Russell, and Bradley Davis Covington and wife, Laura; and five greatgrandchildren, James and Matthew Covington, Ella, Gretchen and Norah Vialls.

He was a member of the United Methodist churches in Raeford, Rockingham, and Southern Pines where he served in the life of the church through leadership roles with the men's groups and on various church committees. He was a member of the Southern Pines Masonic Lodge #484 for 67 years, the Oasis Shriners of Charlotte and the Woodsmen of the World in Southern Pines. He was an avid outdoorsman, loved to spend time in his garden, and caring for his horse, and enjoyed family time with his grandchildren.

He began his distinguished career in the late 1930s with the US Forestry Service in Washington and Oregon. Upon returning to North Carolina, he began a 37-year commitment to the North Carolina Division of Forestry, serving as a county ranger, district ranger, regional ranger and state ranger.

The funeral was held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 4 p.m. at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel in Raeford. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery with Masonic rites.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Foundation of FirstHealth, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or by phone at 910.695.7500

The family will receive condolences at HYPERLINK "http:// www.crumplerfuneralhome. com" www.crumplerfuneral-

Obituaries

A graveside service will be held at noon, Friday May 17, 2019 at Sandhills State Veteran's Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation 150 Applecross Road Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to the charity of your choice.



Annie L. Lindsay Annie Laurie Lindsay of Fayetteville died May 4, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center at the age of 86.

She was born March 28, 1933 in Zebulon to David Pearce and Fannie Pearce.

She is preceded in death by her husband G. Lewis Lindsay Sr. She was a member of Galatia Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a son, Gilbert Lewis (Gil) Lindsay Jr. of Fayetteville; two daughters, Lynn Lindsay Cobb and husband James of Gainesville, Florida, and Jane Lindsay Clifton and husband Wayne of Fayetteville; seven grandchildren, Adam, Heather, Kelly, Rodney, Lindsay, James and Elizabeth; eight greatgrandchildren, Nilo, Ladena, Yavi, Brandon Jr., Febi, Devin, Mikhaela and Marcus; and a sister, Janie Steber and husband Norm of Dunn.

The funeral was held Saturday May 11, 2019 at Galatia Presbyterian Church at noon with the Rev. Brett Johnson officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Samaritans Purse. https:www. samaritanspurse.org/ourministry/ about-us/

Condolences to the family may be made at www.crumplerfuneralhome.com

Don M. McAnulty

Don Michael "Mike" McAnulty, of Oak Ridge, died Thursday, April 24, 2019.

He was born on October 13, 1948, and was raised in Raeford. He was the son of Martha Joy (Tiny) and John Howard (Mac) McAnulty. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Patrick Looper McAnulty and his sister Nycee Stancil. He graduated from Hoke County High School, class of 1966, and served seven



Raeford, N.C

Paul E. McKoy

father, Bishop George McKoy; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Red Springs. Burial was in the church cemetery.



Sierra J. Tillman

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Sierra Julisa Tillman, age 31, of Raeford, died Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at UNC Chapel Hill Hospital. She was the daughter of Deborah Tillman and Ricky Thomas.

She was born January 1, 1988. She attended Hoke County High School and was a proud member of the graduating class of 2006. She graduated from Kings College in Charlotte with an associate's degree in medical assistance. She was currently working for the United States Postal Service. She always showed her creativity in every avenue she encountered in life. No one met her without being exposed to her genuine love for life and all it had to offer.

She is survived by her daughter, Kamryn Shavon Tillman; her mother Debra Tillman; her father, Ricky Thomas; godchildren, Ti'Nasia Hines, Josiah Jacobs, and Michael Jacobs; god parents, Jerry and Deborah Ross, Natasha Villines, and Ruby Goodman; god sisters, Jessica Ross-Evans (Christian), Jaquira Dixon, and Danisha Allen; god brothers, Jeremy and Emmanual Ross, and JaQuan Dixon; and grandfather, Ernest Davis Sr.

The funeral was held Monday, May 13, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Vision of Christ Church in Red Springs. Burial was at Highland Bibli-

cal Gardens.

Larry Williams

Larry (Pops) Williams of Raeford died Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at UNC Hospital in Chapel at the age of 78.

games and food for everyone.

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 RALPH A. PANDURE VFW POST 10 meets the second Monday of each month at its Post Home, 145 Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Road at the Raeford Airport. For information contact Commander Any retired person(s) 50 or older interested in participating in or learning more about SENIOR GAMES please call Hoke County Parks & Recreation at 910-878-1255 and speak with Patricia Graham, Senior Games Ambassador. (*expires July 2019*)



SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

Word of Life Temple, Inc. Women In White Service May 19, 3 p.m. Youth Night Bible Explosion May 22, 6 p.m. **Raeford Evangelical Methodist** Revival May 19, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. May 20-22, 7 p.m. **Rockfish Church of God** Memorial Singing with The Anchormen

May 26, 6 p.m.

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Hoke County Schools Prayer Circle. Continue to pray for

your schools. Churches, contact schools to see what you can do to help. (*expires June 2019*)

Now Generation Inc. & Now Generation Radio - a youth mentorship & development outreach inspirational & informational radio. Times every 4th Saturday from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on WMFA 1400 AM. Join us on facebook at NowGen Radio or website http://www.nowgenmedia.com/ (expires June 2019)



home.com.



Joseph Kozur

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Joseph "Buffalo Joe" Kozur, USAF Ret. of Raeford died Friday, May 10, 2019 at age 74

in his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Brookhaven, Pennsylvania on January 22, 1945. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Anna Kozur, sister, Kathleen Diviney, and brother, Thomas Kozur.

He served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force and traveled with his family to many countries. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked with the Civil Service for 20 years. When he was riding his Harley across the country, he always said, "Don't know where I am but I'm not lost. Just enjoying life."

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Janice Kozur; daughters, Christine Hall and husband Gray of Ft. Mill, South Carolina, and Coleen Kozur of Raeford; a son, Joseph Kozur Jr. and wife Rhenda of Fayetteville; four grandchildren, Alex Davis (Sarah) of Fredericksburg Virginia, Adam Davis of Fredericksburg, Vallery Morgan (Joshua) of China Grove, and Lauren Kozur of Fayetteville; and three sisters, Anna Marie Jones of Pueblo, Colorado, Mary Ann Kozur of Leheigh Acres, Florida, and Madelyn Hutchins of Paris, Tennessee.

Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Friday, May 17, 2019 at Crumpler Funeral Home in Raeford.

years in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1976. After he was discharged, he received his undergraduate and doctorate degrees in industrial organizational psychology from Old Dominion University. He had successful careers in private industry and for the federal government while performing human factors research in aircrew performance, training, and communications; conducting human-in-the-loop simulations; developing guidelines for long range navigation and global positioning systems and other navigational aids; assessing air transportation system improvements in various air traffic domains; evaluating air traffic controller workload, performance, and displays; and designing multiple highly-complex air transportation and air traffic control systems and workspace. He and Deborah loved to travel, play golf, go to the gym, hike, and bike ride. He also loved to play tennis and fly, achieving his single engine pilot's license in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah, of 21 years; his adopted children, and surrogate daughter Michelle Cunningham Huff, her husband Jake, and sons Michael and Sam; and sister-in-law Kathleen Gonsar and friend Joe Rocuski.

He wished to be cremated. A memorial service was held Saturday, May 4, 2019 at noon at Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home & Crematory in Kernersville. He will be interred at a later date at the VA Cemetery in Salisbury. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the charity of your choice.

Paul E. McKoy

Paul Emanuel McKoy, age 58, of Aberdeen, died Friday, May 3, 2019 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. He was born August 11, 1960 to Bishop George McKoy and the late Lee Etta McKoy.

He is survived by his children, Monterri D. McCrea, DeNasha McKoy and Jonathan Diggs;

He was born in Savannah, Georgia on April 18, 1941 to Franklin Williams and Helen Scott. He served 20 years in the US Army, (7th Special SFG), in which he did several tours in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic (Operation Power Pack). During this time, he received several accolades and commendations including a Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal Bronze Clasp with Five Loops, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Dominican Republic), National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Senior Parachutist Badge. After retirement he opened Star Farms. In 1991 he married Dianne Rowland and they began Williams Quarter Horse Farm. During this time, he trained horses, taught and mentored youth from all over the southeast, and built lasting relationships full of love, laughter, hard work and respect. Many of these youth were successful in not only the early stages of their show career, but also learned life lessons that continue to guide their paths today.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years Dianne Rowland Williams of Raeford; two sons, Nathan Williams of Whispering Pines and Brian Williams and wife Jennifer of Raeford; a daughter, Maricela (Marty) Fatino of Pinehurst; nine grandchildren, Sydney, Chini, Alexis, Morgan, Hunter, Porter, Daniel, Ellie Kate and Alli; and a sister, Linda Dickerson and husband Ron of Atlanta, Georgia.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Antioch Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to Antioch Presbyterian Church, 6583 Red Springs Road, Red Springs, NC 28377. THE NEWS-JOURNAL Raeford, N.C. May 15, 2019



From the archives

Downtown Raeford, looking north, is this undated photo—but probably from the 1970s—from our archives. Note the absence of the Bo's shopping center, foreground left; the presence of Heilig Meyers Furniture (adjacent to the railroad tracks along Harris avenue, left foreground; the Raeford Hotel at Main and Central, center right, and Upchurch Milling Company, where BB&T is today. Though hard to read, the sign next to the milling company reads, "A&P," foreground right.

Thomas

(Continued from page 1) to find his television and the shotgun missing.

Greenville police are still seeking suspects in the case, but have been hampered by a computer incident that affected the police department's computer systems, according to Greenville Police Department public information officer Kristen Hunter.

While Thomas called police the days that the reported home invasion and theft happened, the case has been delayed due to a problem with the police department's computer system that affected Greenville's municipal operations. The city's computer

system was shut down in April due to a ransomware attack known as "RobinHood." The problem affected the local law enforcement agency, too, Hunter said.

"Due to the ransomware attack, the case was just recently assigned to a detective and the detective is in the process of following up on the case," she wrote in an email last week.

A detective with the Greenville Police Department's property crimes division has been assigned to the case now but there have not been any arrests or other movement so far, Hunter said.

In a report filed with the police department, Thomas told authorities he arrived to find several unknown people in a downstairs area of the townhouse.

"He told officers he continued to make his way upstairs and noticed someone had broken into his room and reportedly had been eating, smoking and sleeping in his bed. Thomas stated while he entered his room, a male who said he left his phone in the room tried to get back in. It was at this point Thomas stated he got his shotgun and told the male to leave," Hunter said in an email.

shooting seem to be separate Thomas called police for incidents, Hunter said. help. The man left just before "We have no reason to believe the incidents are connected," she they arrived, and no one was injured. However, a few days later, wrote in an email. Thomas said at the time that his primary residence is in Hoke County, but that he keeps an apartment in Greenville for business and personal reasons. His son lives in Greenville and Thomas sometimes offers consulting for a hospital in the city. After the incidents, Thomas said he planned to move out of the townhouse apartment. Thomas is campaigning for the

office of North Carolina Lieutenant Governor. He has served as a Hoke County Commissioner since 2014.

Thomas returned to the apartment

to find his television and shotgun

to his room and did not see any

evidence of forced entry," Hunter

ported the two incidents, there

was a shooting at Carolina Creek

Apartments where the townhouse

is located. There have been two

arrests made in relation to the

shooting. The break-ins and the

"Officers observed the door

Not long after Thomas re-

had gone missing.

wrote.



Graduates

Dwight Tilley, graduate of Hoke County High School Class of 2014, will be graduating from Virginia Tech with a Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Sciences with honors. He will be commissioned into the U.S.Army as a second lieutenant on May 17,2019.

Year's most popular names, says Social Security

Each May, Social Security releases the top 10 baby names of the previous year. We are the leading source for America's popular names because almost every newborn gets a Social Security number at birth.

In a way, your name is your first "personal" information - a piece of identification that you have for the rest of your life. Having a Social Security number provides the foundation for vital benefits to the child in the future and at retirement. Saving early is key to having enough money to live on in retirement.

Because we are living longer, healthier lives, we can expect to spend more time in retirement than our parents do. Achieving the dream of a secure, comfortable retirement is much easier when you plan your finances.

The three major elements of your retirement portfolio are pensions, savings and investments, and Social Security benefits. We can help you plan for retirement with our online resources at https:// www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/ retire.

Your benefits are based on your entire earnings history. We calculate

Class Reunions

1977 — Hoke County High SchoolClass of 1977 will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at Virgil's Drive-In. Any interested classmate may call James Quick at 910-273-1863. 1984—Class of 1984 35th Class

Social Security Fayetteville By Brenda Brown

your monthly benefit amount based on your highest 35 years of earnings. To learn more about benefit calculations and other important retirement information, check out our Retirement Checklist at https:// www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10377.pdf. This publication is easy to download, save, and share.

As you can see, a name and Social Security number provide an important first connection to potential future benefits. Are you curious where your own name appears in the baby names line-up? You can look up the top names throughout history at https://www.socialsecurity.gov/oact/babynames and be sure to go there to check out the latest top 10 baby names when we release them in May.

Here are the names for 2018: Male-Liam, Noah, William, James, Oliver, Benjamin, Elijah, Lucas, Mason and Logan; Female-Emma, Olivia, Ava, Isabella, Sophia, Charlotte, Mia, Amelia, Harper and Evelyn.

Reunion will be held at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Pinehurst, June 28-29. Contact persons: Leslie Hinson, 910-494-4056; Raphael Allen, 910-578-9766; John Davis, 804-605-3068

HOKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR JOB POSTING

GENERAL PURPOSE



Deliverer

Travis Wilson heads out from the Open Door Soup Kitchen to make meal deliveries Tuesday. The kitchen is at work at its new location at 320 Turnpike Road. (Ken MacDonald photo)



Manage, direct, supervise, and coordinate various recreation programs and special events for the Community including the maintenance of parks and related facilities; plan, direct, and supervise the work of full- and part-time staff; manage the Department Budget; provide staff support to Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee; facilitate use of resources to recreation sports; coordinate assigned activities with other County departments, outside organizations, and the general public; provide highly-responsible and complex administrative support to the County Manager and Hoke County Board of Commissioners .

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Ten to five years of increasingly responsible experience in the administration of recreational programming and social and cultural programs and services, including five years of management and supervisory experience. Experience in park facilities planning and design, as well as developing, planning, implementing, and facilitating sports programs is required.

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in recreation, public administration, physical education, or a related field is required. A Master's dearee is preferred.

Salary:Grade 78 (\$65,360 – 92,354) + benefits **Posting Date:** 05/14/2019 Closing Date: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Submit HOKE COUNTY application* (*available on-line at HYPERLINK "http://www.hokecounty.org" www.hokecounty.org) to: Human Resources Department **Attn: County Manager** 227 N Main St., (or) PO Box 1585 • Raeford, NC 28376

HOKE COUNTY **PARKS & RECREATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** (2) JOB POSTINGS

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under general direction from the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates the activities of the Parks & Recreation department including preparation, County recreational indoor and outdoor facilities, including playgrounds, ball fields, community buildings, and parks; plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates the activities of the recreation department including youth and adult sports, special events, and aquatics; to coordinate parks activities, recreation programs and life enrichment activities with other departments and County Counter Parts.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in business administration, parks and recreation, recreation administration or a related field. **Experience:**

Three years of increasingly responsible experience in parks management and administration, including Three years of supervisory responsibility or Five years of increasingly responsible experience in recreation planning and programming including three year of supervisory responsibility.

License or Certificate:

Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license. Pre-employment drug screen may be required **Salary:** Grade 68 (\$40,124) + benefits **Posting Date:** 05/14/2019 Closing Date: OPEN UNTIL FILLED Submit HOKE COUNTY application * (*available on-line at HYPERLINK "http://www.hokecounty.org"

www.hokecounty.org) to: Human Resources Department **Attn: County Manager** 227 N Main St., (or) PO Box 1585 • Raeford, NC 28376

Director

(Continued from page 1) years, after being selected to step in to the role following the death of Elgin Blue.

The position seeks someone who will "manage, direct, supervise, and coordinate various recreation programs and special events for the Community including the maintenance of parks and related facilities," along with managing the department budget, supervising full and part-time staff members, working with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and facilitating the use of local resources for recreation sports.

Other duties include coordinating assigned activities with other county departments, outside organizations and the general public, and providing "highly-responsible and complex administrative support" to County Manager Letitia Edens and the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, according to the job posting.

The right candidate for the job will be responsible for managing all the services and activities of the department, which operates multiple parks facilities in the county. The department also offers sports and other recreational programs for youth, adults and senior citizens.

The new director will also work with the commissioners as the county moves forward with plans to build a recreation center in East Hoke. Most recently the county board voted 3-1 in favor of ending its contract with Bobbitt Design-Build of Raleigh. Now the county is seeking new proposals from other companies that could design the rec center.

The new director will "participate in the negotiation, development, planning, design and implementation of related County Capital Improvement Projects as well as capital improvements to existing facilities," the job description stated.

The county is seeking someone with knowledge of modern principles of park planning and design, and modern principles and methods for "developing and implementing a wide variety of recreation, social, and leisure activities for children and adults."

Officials also prefer a candidate with familiarity with federal, state and local laws and regulations affecting recreation programs and activities, among other required skills and abilities. The right candidate for the position must have at minimum a bachelor's degree in a relevant field, and should have "any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities." That could include five to ten years of similar responsible experience, including five years of management and supervisory experience, according to the job posting. The county gives special preference to candidates with certification as a Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The candidate must also have CPR and First Aid certification.

for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 12:00PM on May 30, 2019 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 27 in a subdivision known as Steeplechase and the same being duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 3-35, Map 1, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

And Being more commonly known as: 160 Preakness Way, Raeford, NC 28376

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are John Merkel and Christine Merkel.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing. SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE

HOLD 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 written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The date of this Notice is May 9, 2019. Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells

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Trust and the undersigned, William C. Fields, Jr., having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Hoke County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute 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 10:00 AM on June 3, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in Raeford Township, in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in McLauchlin Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being all of Lot 87 as shown on plat entitled, "Dundee Farms," drawn by Jimmy Bunce, Registered Surveyor, L-1271, dated April 1975, and recorded in Map Book 6, Page 83, Slide 144, Hoke County Public Registry.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23.

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

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder 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 or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, 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 applicable Federal and State laws

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, 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.

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 of 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

Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to NCGS §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of Hoke County.

JON ALEN HINES and NELLIE AUDREY HINES a/k/a NELLIE A. HINES a/k/a NELLIE ZAVALA,

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes on your interest in the property described in Book 218, Page 363 and Book 280, Page 137, which is more completely described in the complaint. Additional property description is as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Hoke County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

PIN: 58498-00-01-043; 58498-00-01-053 and 58498-00-01-094

Property Location: Koppers Drive, Raeford, NC

Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim that you may have in

the property. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than June 10, 2019 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the

relief sought. This the 29th day of April, 2019. RUDOLPH K. SMITH RKS Law Attorney for Plaintiff Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville, NC 28302

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS **BY PUBLICATION**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO.: 19 CVD 255

COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, v. DEEW, BRAY: DOLLIE P. BRAY; Defendants, DEEW. BRAY and DOLLIE P. BRAY.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes on your interest in the property described in Book 1132 Page 195, which is more completely described in the complaint. Additional property description is as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Hoke County, North Carolina and more particularly de-

scribed as follows: PIN: 49484-04-01-218

Property Location: Quarry Lane, Raeford, NC

Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim that you may have in the property. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than June 17, 2019 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against

you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 6th day of May, 2019. RUDOLPH K. SMITH RKS Law Attorney for Plaintiff

Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville,

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 15SP287

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY JAMES C. LAMARCA AND AMBER DAWN LAMARCA DATED APRIL 26, 2012 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 987 AT PAGE 839 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 12:00PM on May 22, 2019 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 203 in a subdivi-

sion known as the Hollies at Westgate, Section 2, part 2, according to a plat recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 3-38, Map 6 in the Hoke County Public Registry.

And Being more commonly known as: 202 Saint George Dr, Raeford, NC 28376

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/ are James C. Lamarca and Amber Dawn Lamarca.

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

Being all of a 0.49 acre tract in the recombination survey for heirs of Neil L. Senter and wife, Mary Helen Gatlin Senter as recorded in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 4-74, Map 6, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina. Being the same property described in Deed Book 92, Page 599, and also Deed Book 92, Page 600, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 115 North Highland Street, Raeford, North Carolina.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23.

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

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and convey ance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder 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 or the holder of the note make any rep resentation 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 prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, 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.

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.

Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.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

The salary for the job is a Grade 78 ranging from \$65,360 to \$92,354 plus benefits. The position is considered open until filled.

The county's new fiscal year begins July 1.



NOTICE OF SALE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 19SP72 IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY JOHN MERKEL AND CHRISTINE MERKEL DATED MARCH 14, 2009 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 847 AT PAGE 786 IN THE HOKE

COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the abovereferenced 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

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NOTICE OF SERVICE **BY PUBLICATION** STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY FILE No. 17 JT 39 IN RE: M.B., a minor male

TO: Danny Gillespie, father of a male child born to the biological mother, Hattie Bethea, on August 16, 2017, in Cumberland County, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is to terminate your parental rights of the above-named juvenile. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days of the first date of publication (June 24, 2019) and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your parental rights.

If you are indigent and not already represented by counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and may contact the Clerk of Court of Hoke County in order to request that counsel be appointed to you.

You are advised to IMMEDIATE-LY contact the Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court at (910) 878-4100 to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleading filed herein, the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

This the 15th day of May, 2019. Daniel DiMaria, Esq. The Charleston Group Lawyers Attorney for the Petitioner Hoke County Department of Social Services Post Office Box 1762 Fayetteville, N.C. 28302 Telephone: (910) 485-2500 NC State Bar No. 47700 11-13C

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 18 SP 240

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by William H. Briley, IV and Stacie Briley to K. Douglas Barfield, Trustee, dated the 1st day of May, 2012, and recorded in Book 997, Page 941, in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving notice of the foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. 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.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COM-MUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANK-RUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY RE-**OUIREMENT AND FOR INFOR-**MATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS **NOT INTENTED AS AN ATTEMPT** TO COLELCT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY POR-TION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. William C. Fields, Jr., Substitute Trustee Willcox, McFadyen, Fields & Sutherland, PLLC 112 E. Edinborough Avenue Raeford, NC 28376 (910) 875-4065 NC State Bar No.: 19012

NOTICE OF SERVICE **OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION** STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 19 CVD 236 COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff, v. JON ALEN HINES; NELLIE AUDREY HINES a/k/a NELLIE A. HINES a/k/a NELLIE ZAVALA; Defendants,

11-12C

(910) 486-3230 Publication Dates: May 8, 2019; May 15, 2019; May 22, 2019 10-12C

NOTICE OF SERVICE **OF PROCESS** BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO.: 19 CVD 237

COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff, v. ARLENE J. BROOKS; ALL HEIRS AND AS-SIGNS OF VINCENT LOCKLEAR, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of VINCENT LOCKLEAR; RED DOG PROPERTIES, INC, lienholder; GLOBAL HOUSE, INC, lienholder; Defendants

ARLENE J. BROOKS; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF VIN-CENT LOCKLEAR, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of VINCENTLOCKLEAR; RED DOG PROPERTIES, INC, lienholder; GLOBAL HOUSE, INC, lienholder;

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes on your interest in the property described in Book 360 Page 335, which is more completely described in the complaint. Additional property description is as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Hoke County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

PIN: 29431-00-01-360

Property Location: R e d Springs Rd., Red Springs, NC Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any

and all claim that you may have in the property. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than June 10, 2019 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the

relief sought. This the 23rd day of April, 2019. RUDOLPH K. SMİTH RKS Law Attorney for Plaintiff Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville, NC 28302 (910) 486-3230 Publication Dates: May 1, 2019; May 8, 2019; May 15, 2019 9-11C

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.

SPECÍAL 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 written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The date of this Notice is April 15.2019.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee

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AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 18 SP 119

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Samantha M. Bates (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Samantha Bates) to Brett M. Shanks, Trustee(s), dated the 31st day of January, 2017, and recorded in Book 01182, Page 0066, in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute 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 10:00 AM on May 30, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the

receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. 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. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SER-VICES, INC. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE c/o Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 1028 4317 Ramsey Street Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311 Phone No: (910) 864-3068

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

HOKE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO. 19 CVD 197 OneMain Financial Group, LLC as servicer for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Issuer Loan Trustee for OneMain Financial Issuance Trust 2015-1, Plaintiff Vs. Gyivan Collins Jackson, Defendant

TO: ALL PARTIES

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: money owed and court costs.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than 40 days after the first date of the publication of this notice yielding a deadline of June 24, 2019 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

Dated: May 07, 2019 THE GREEN LAW FIRM, P.C. Jay B. Green Attorney for Plaintiff 908 E. Edenton Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Telephone: 919-829-0797 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COL-LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE 11-13C



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Sports



NC Intensity (Fields) 2019 USSSA Spring Fling tournament champions High School division: Undefeated 6-0 FRONT L/R: Meagan Worley, Amanda Blackburn, Macie Matney, Sarah Haywood, Sarah Edge - BACK L/R: Meaghan Himes, Josey Locklear, Amber Small, Abby Gordon, Nina Cummings, Molly Williams, Averie Daughtry, Asst. Coach Heather Edge, Coach Keith Fields (Photo Contributed)



(Photo by Southeast Missouri Women's Basketball)

SEMO Women's Hoops add Daniels to staff

By ED CLEMENTE Sports Writer

Former Hoke H.S. basketball star Sakellie Daniels has been named assistant coach of Southeast Missouri Women's Basketball. Sakellie was a threetime team MVP as a player at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Following her stellar career with the 49ers, she went on to play professionally foreight years in Europe, while competing for teams in Germany, Switzerland, Lithuania, Finland and Romania. While in Switzerland in 2010, Daniels earned first team allleague and defensive player of the year recognition. She was named first team all-league in Lithuania in 2012 and 2014, also garnering guard of the year accolades the latter time.

After her pro career, Sakellie returned to Hoke to serve as Head Coach from 2015-17. During her time at Hoke she led the team to the state playoffs both of her seasons there, ending an eightyear drought. In August 2017 she joined the University of Miami women's basketball staff as the coordinator of program & player development.



SEC won the NC USSSA High School Fastpitch Softball Tournament Championship in the "A" bracket this past Saturday in Cary, NC. The tournament was cut short due to rain. Since SEC was the number one seed, hadn't allowed a run and was undefeated at 3-0 - they were declared the tournament champions. FRONT ROW left to right: Syniah Lancaster, Chan Locklear, Alaina Goins, Angelica Locklear and Tam Lowery. BACK ROW left to right: Coach - Jamie Dover, Ina Womack, Nyla Mitchell, Marijo Wilkes, Haleigh Line, Chelsey Wilkes, Marissa McQueen, Santana Anderson and Coach - Richard Goins.





(Left photo) Hoke softball catcher Nina Cummings with a acrobatic catch at the plate during the NCHSAA First Round Playoff game at Lumberton High School; (right photo) Hoke softball's Kiya Locklear crossing the plate during the NCHSAA First Round Playoff game at Lumberton High School last week. Hoke dominated the game until the bottom of the 6th when Lumberton put up 3 runs. Lumberton went on to win with a 3-2 score and advance to the second round. (Photos by Ed Clemente)

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BY BAYONET AT PUPPY CREEK

Brandon Hunt, Nick Lowry, Kyland Freeman and David Lowry, Jr. won the Partners in Education golf outing...Stableford points winners this week were Walter Quick, Monday.. Bo Hoffman, Wednesday...Loren Beahm, Thursday...Randy Rhynes, Will and Carl Casey took the Wednesday Shootout at 6 under par...Bob Heath won the Skins game on Saturday.





May 15, 2019



Tiffany Bartholomew was sworn in Friday as the newest district court judge for Judicial District 19D. District Court Judge Regina Joe administered the oath before a standing room only courtroom in Moore County. Her family, friends and former coworkers attended.

Second district court judge sworn in

Two judgeships have been filled recently by assistant district attorneys from the Moore County District Attorney's Office.

When the North Carolina General Assembly re-configured Moore County's judicial district to include Hoke County, several District Court judgeships became available

In November 2018, Assistant Attorney, Tiffany Bartholomew

District Attorney Warren Mc-Sweeney was elected to a seat as district court judge. McSweeney was unopposed in the election. He served as an assistant district attorney for 12 years in District Attorney Maureen Krueger's office. McSweeney handled drug cases and violent crimes.

On May 10, Assistant District

was sworn in as a district court judge. Bartholomew served as an assistant district attorney Krueger's office for over nine years. In recent years, Bartholomew specialized in child abuse and sexual assault cases.

Ethics rules prohibit Mc-Sweeney and Bartholomew from hearing Moore County criminal cases for the first six months of

their terms. "I am looking forward to seeing them on the bench," Krueger said, "and I am getting used to calling them 'Your Honor.'

"I am proud of the work of all of our assistant district attorneys," said Krueger, "and it is especially fulfilling to see their peers and the community recognize them as committed and ethical professionals."



Pet of the Week

Pumpkin is an 8-week-old medium hair female kitten. She is at the shelter with her siblings and her mom and they are all looking for a loving forever homes. They are available for adoption at the Hoke Animal Shelter (353 CC Steele Rd, 910-875-4827). Dog Adoptions are \$100 and cats are \$75—cash only and cover spay/neuter, microchip, and rabies vaccination. All adoptions come with 30 days of pet health insurance. Adoption hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



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Security

(Continued from page 1) The schools have also upgraded their security cameras. The cameras at Hoke High's campus are so highquality, they can show an image clear enough to read the license plate of a car parked across the street from the school, officials said.

New signs in both English and Spanish direct visitors to the main office of each school building, where the digital Ident-a-Kid system requires guests to scan their driver's license and take a photo in order to get a school visitor badge. The Ident-A-Kid system also checks people against sex offender registries and ban lists, so that registered sex offenders and any others adults who should not be on school campuses are not allowed around students. The identification system has worked on several occasions to catch people who were not supposed to be on school property, Edwards said.

The school system also conducted a survey of its lighting to make sure exterior areas are well-lit even after dark

"We try to stay up on maintenance too, that really has a safety

"I think that's one of the very best deterrents, the presence of that armed law enforcement officer," Edwards said.

The sheriff's office worked with the school system last year in purchasing the Rave panic button app for all teachers and staff in Hoke's schools. The app allows teachers or staff to summon authorities with the touch of a button on their cell phones. It's also been useful for medical emergencies and in calling for backup in the event of a fight on campus, school officials said.

The school system and sheriff's office have worked together to hold "active shooter" lockdown drills at all of the county's school buildings. The campuses hold the drills twice yearly, once in the fall and once in the spring semester. The sheriff's office also encourages deputies to become familiar with the layout of school campuses in the event they ever need to respond to an emergency there, SRO Sgt. McInnis said.

The schools additionally launched the "See Something, Say Something" campaign last year. The campaign encourages students to speak to a trusted adult if they spot something unusual or out of place. The campaign also has an anti-bullying message, and encourages students to be compassionate to each other. The campaign has also gotten results, such as earlier this year when a child at Sandy Grove Middle School tipped off a teacher about another student who had brought an unloaded gun to school. "That could be the most important part of all this in the final analysis, identifying and then acting on things that don't look right or things that don't sound right," Edwards said.

impact. Edwards said. There are other facilities im-

provements they would like to do in the future as well, he added.

There are other safety measures in place, too. While some of the older school buildings have an open design, where possible school perimeter doors are supposed to be locked during school hours to prevent intruders. Parents who spot any unlocked doors can let the principal or school office staff know about the issue.

In terms of personnel, thanks to additional funding the school system was able to hire a mental health coordinator to work with counselors at all of the county's public schools. The coordinator helps provide access to mental health resources for students and their families as needed, and also works to identify students who could potentially present a threat to themselves or to others, Student Support Services Director Dr. Peggy Owens said.

"That has been a great position. Things are working out well. If there is a student that the administrator or support person thinks is at risk or if they have a mental health challenge, the mental health coordinator is able to go in. She has done numerous screenings and assessments this year, so that has been a positive for us," Owens said. "If a child has shared that they want to self-harm, she will go in and do an assessment...is a threat assessment needed for that particular student. That has worked very well."

The funding also allowed the schools to hire two new school resource officers (SROs). SROs are armed sheriff's office deputies assigned to the public schools in a security role, where they provide on-campus support to teachers and students. Hoke County Schools have worked with SROs for many years.

Now there are eight SROs assigned to Hoke schools. They are stationed during the school day at Hoke High and the three middle schools, and several SROs split the county's elementary schools between them.

All of these measures are ultimately meant to keep classrooms a place of learning for Hoke's children, school officials said.

Hiring more SROs and mental health professionals are goals for the future, Owens said, and depending on lawmakers' decisions regarding the North Carolina General Assembly's education budget, it could happen.

"At this point in time we're just waiting to see what the final approval will be and we can work from there," Owens said.



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