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Porter picked to chair Cape Fear board

Hoke County's economic developer moves up from vice-chairman

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Hoke County Economic Development Director Don Porter will take over as the new chairman for the Cape Fear Valley Health Board of Trustees.

The board members elected Porter, who has

served as a trustee since 2007, to fill the position of former Chairman Dr. John Henley.

Porter will fill the position until January 2014. Normally the position is a two-year term but in this case it's different, as Porter has already served six years on the board. Six years is



Porter

usually the maximum term, but his connections with Hoke County are valuable enough to make an exception given the ongoing work on bringing a Cape Fear Valley hospital to Hoke County, he said.

"They thought it would be best to keep me on a little longer," Porter said.

Porter, a native of Portsmouth, Virginia played

professional football with the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos before going on to serve in the U.S. Army for more than 30 years. After retiring as a colonel, he settled down in Hoke County where he has worked as the Economic Development director for the last 13 years.

Porter said he welcomes the opportunity to serve on the board in another capacity.

"It's another opportunity to continue to serve the community and that is an opportunity to help move the hospital forward," he said.

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Vega, top, and Ross both have criminal records. They were arrested Monday.



Officers, family seek answers



David Frame in this photo from his Facebook page. At left, the scene of the robbery, on NC 211 about 6 miles west of Raeford.

Shop owner kills teen in West Hoke robbery

Officials say the mattress outlet owner wrested a rifle from the 16-year-old, one of three robbers

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A business owner facing three masked intruders wrested a gun from a 16-year-old honor student and fatally shot the teen in self-defense during an armed robbery Friday night, according to the Hoke County Sheriff's Office.

David Ryan Frame, 16, of the 700 block of North Main Street in Raeford died after being shot by the same rifle that Frame allegedly used to threaten Alex-

ander Roland, owner and operator of All American Mattress and Furniture.

Roland was closing the furniture store at 9734 Aberdeen Road when three robbers wearing face-concealing masks entered the building, Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said. Frame held Roland at gun-point while another suspect began beating Roland with brass knuckles, authorities reported. At one point during the assault, Roland grabbed for the gun.

"The investigation shows that the gun was right there on the store owner," Pe-



Frame

terkin said. "During the scuffle he managed to take the weapon from one of the suspects, the one who got shot, and at that time shots were fired."

The rifle Frame held was the only weapon that was visible and that was fired that night, Peterkin said. The rifle, possibly a .22, had multiple shots in the barrel, he said.

After Frame was shot, the other robbers ran from the store and escaped in a vehicle waiting outside that was driven by a fourth person. Authorities with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office Detective Division responded to the scene and in the process of the investigation uncovered

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Survey shows overwhelming support for county bookmobile

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

The results of a recent survey showed community interest in adding a bookmobile to the Hoke County Public Library's offerings, leaders of the Friends of

the Library nonprofit group said.

"More than half the people who responded said getting to the library was difficult, and of the ones who said, yes, it was difficult, 90-some-odd percent of those were from the

eastern end of the county," Library Director Sheila Brown-Evans said.

The Friends of the Library members distributed the surveys in December at local elementary schools, middle schools, Smart Start, Head Start and the library,

among other locations throughout Hoke County. The response they received was encouraging, Friends of the Library secretary Darlene Clark said.

"We got back over 1,000 responses, which I thought was very good," she

said. "95 percent of those (positively) answered our question, would you support a bookmobile in Hoke County? We felt that was very positive to know, that people actually felt like it was a need."

The survey results sug-

gested that about a third of responders would use a bookmobile "often," and those who said they would "rarely" or "never" use a bookmobile indicated they typically rely on e-readers or use the Cumberland

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OTHER STUFF

"So, I'm at the wailing wall, standing there like a moron, with my harpoon." —Emo Phillips

By KEN MACDONALD

I don't know about you but I think and talk in quotes, usually from movies and TV programs. When my wife asks me to do a chore, I usually respond with, "Anything else? Would you like the hotel moved a little to the left?" That's from the British sitcom Fawlty Towers, which is a show I particularly mine for smart@ss retorts. Two other favorites:

"A satisfied customer! We should have him stuffed."

"Oh, 'happy.' Yes, I remember that."

I was in the last 10 minutes of a two-hour Houston to Charlotte flight Sunday when the 20-something woman beside me woke up and took off her earbuds, and a conversation ensued.

"You from Charlotte?" I asked.

"Nah, Tampa—I'm just connecting."

She was returning from a conference in Texas, she offered.

"What sort of work do you

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Hoke County senior Amanda Priest signs a Letter of Intent to play soccer for St. Andrews University in Laurinburg. She and her best friend Laura Deihl both signed last week. See other photos on page 5A. (Sue Priest photo)

VIEWPOINTS

We Get Letters

Hoke, you’re letting your county go down

To the Editor:

And to the good people of Hoke County,

I have a question for you—what has happened to your county? Up until about two months ago, you were a beautiful, clean place to visit.

I made a recent trip to your county, and starting in my own neighborhood, in Cumberland County (which is also experiencing a similar epidemic of slovenli-

ness), I saw one long trail of trash down one side of the road and back down the other. When I entered the Raeford city limits, the problem became even more pronounced, with entire bags of trash/rubbish dumped on the roadside.

You do have a county ordinance concerning the proper disposal of trash in your county - please note the \$500 fine for violators. I have included the URL at the bottom of this message. It

can be noted that the crime rate of a neighborhood is in direct correlation to the amount of trash being irresponsibly dumped.

Please clean up your act and your trash. Thank you!

<http://www.hokecounty.net/ordinances/SWManagementOrdinance.pdf>

Patricia Lecroy
Fayetteville

Son searched, handcuffed for parking at stop sign

To the Editor:

Is every black male born in Hoke County predestined to be a drug dealer? Or does parking at a stop sign waiting for someone constitute a criminal act?

Seems like this is the perception of some Hoke County police officers. As a taxpaying parent, how would you feel if your son, along with some other guys, is parked at a stop sign waiting on someone and all of a sudden they are surrounded by several patrol cars with flashing lights?

This happened to my son, along with some other guys, on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at around 8 p.m. on Silver City Street.

Without any regard for my son’s civil rights, he was handcuffed, and his cell phone confiscated and car searched without any probable cause. He was not allowed to provide the police officers with his ID. One of the police officers reached in his pocket while his hands were cuffed (for an hour) and took his ID out of his pocket (as if he was a criminal). One of the police officers repeated several times, “I saw that car somewhere.”

So what if he did see my son’s car somewhere. That didn’t give him the right to search his car.

Let’s get this straight. My son was not born to be a drug dealer.

God did not create him for that purpose. The drug dealers are out there, but my son is not one of them. What a way to treat a law abiding citizen?

I guess the law abiding black males better not park at any stop signs in Hoke County because some Hoke County police officers will assume you are a drug dealer, confiscate your cell phone, search your vehicle and unlawfully take your ID, and, I might add, all while you are handcuffed. I think it is safe to say that Black History Month is off to a great start in Hoke County!

Gracie Breeden

Moving back to Raeford was a mistake

To the Editor:

I grew up in Raeford and moved away at the age of 22. I recently moved back with my three kids, and believe me when I say this, if I knew then what I know now, I never ever would have returned to this town.

I do not like the schools system where it is okay to fail all your classes but not okay to miss school for illness. I do not like having to

make an appointment when my child is sick. What happened to the days when you can take your child to the doctor as soon as they get sick and not have to wait hours or days to be seen (even in emergencies)? I do not like the fact that school buses cannot take your kid and drop them at your house anymore, but they have to get dropped off far from your house. Have they not done their

research and seen all the sexual predators there are living in Hoke County? I also do not like how rude everyone is. Not only the high and mighty that think they are above us because they have a little bit of power but everyone in this town. There are very few friendly people in this town anymore and I wish I would have stayed away.

Angela Jernigan

Reporter helps get the word out

To the Editor:

Catharin Shepard has been one of the eyes and ears of Hoke County. She lends herself not only to the city’s and county’s posture, but she lends herself to the soul and spirit of the people.

She’s a native Hoke County

resident, which allows her to have a unique insight of our county. She helps connect the dots with power! Information for anyone and especially for the down-home folk of Hoke County is power.

Self-help programs and community resources are much

needed, but unless the information gets out to the people, it serves no one.

Hope for Hoke appreciates Catharin Shepard of the Raeford-Hoke County News-Journal.

Lynn Baum

We welcome your letters

The News-Journal welcomes letters to the editor and encourages readers to express their opinions.

Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. The street address and phone number will not be published, but are required so we may verify authenticity. The name of the writer

and, in some cases, the town the writer is from will be published at the end of the letter.

We are not able to publish letters that are essentially thank-you cards.

We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar, as well as those that exceed 300 words. We will not

publish letters that we consider to be in poor taste or libelous. In some cases we may add an editor’s note as a postscript when we believe a correction, explanation or amplification is warranted. We may also, at our discretion, limit the number of times an individual writer may submit a letter for publication.

‘Big boxes’ take toll on community

The collapse of our country’s economy has come as a shock to many of us. Forty years ago, this country’s economy was the fastest growing in the world. Never in history had an economy grown at such rapid pace. This should have been a warning to the CEOs and corporate managers. Any economics student is aware that when there is rapid growth, there is a peak and then a decline.

The American consumer has always demanded a large variety of products. There must be a number of items for the customer to pick from. It does not matter if there is not enough customer traffic to support this idea, we must have it available for those who MAY want it.

This is what caused the demise of the American auto industry as we once knew it. General Motors and other American auto makers may have 10 different models of the same car, which in most cases did not increase sales, only manufacturing costs. Companies such as VW and Volvo began to dominate the auto market by not changing the design of their cars for years.

I will not deny that competition between companies brings lower prices to the consumer. But when competition turns to greed and

one company tries every trick to run another out of business, it becomes a problem for the community. There is only a certain amount of money that can be generated in a community. When one company feels it is not getting the amount they need to operate and increase profits, they close and move to another area, leaving a vacant building that becomes a tax burden to the community.

The idea of “big boxes” and “supermarkets” may work well in a large metropolitan area. But they’ve been devastating to small towns in rural areas such as Hoke County. Thirty years ago, Main Street of Raeford was lined with small businesses. You were not only able to purchase items needed but also get advice on how to use them or complete a job. There were food stores, where you received personal attention. These small stores and businesses employed a large number of locals, which aided the local economy.

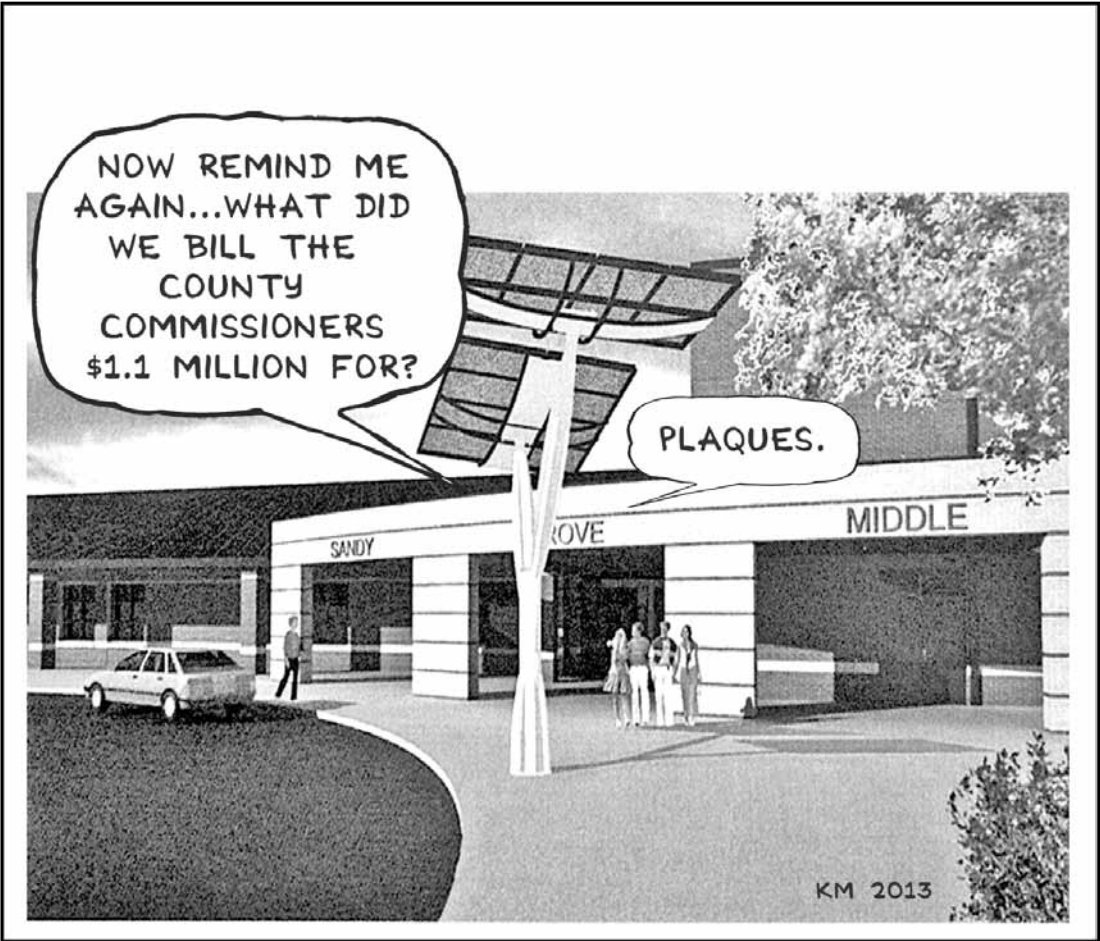
Today, we have the “big boxes” and “supermarkets.” It’s true we have a larger variety of items

to choose from but much less service or information from the sales clerks. Have you ever tried to get information from someone at a big box store? This is a far cry from the days when you went into the neighborhood store and explained your problem to the clerk, and he explained the answer and supplied the product to solve it for you.

The large stores in small towns have caused unemployment. A supermarket or big box store may have an enormous number of items to present to the customer, but one supermarket or big box store can eliminate a large number of jobs in the community. Is the advantage of more items to choose from worth the loss of jobs these situations create?

Nobody would like to return to the days of the general store in Mayberry but growth and expansion of a community should not be done at the expense of jobs lost to the people of the area. Something that has been overlooked is that in rural areas and small towns, small businesses employ more workers than the large companies. This proves that bigger is not always better.

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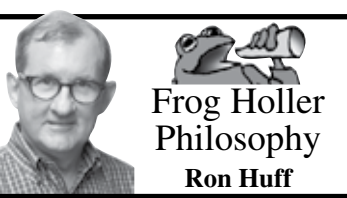


The lights in Hoke will finally be coming on

During most of my lifetime, Hoke County has been a rural county of agricultural areas surrounding Raeford, the county seat. Around 20 years ago, folks began moving onto the agricultural lands of eastern Hoke in large numbers as the population surrounding Fort Bragg and Fayetteville grew. Hoke County is now one of the fastest growing counties in the state. I have been a participant in this growth as a planner, a developer and a home builder. The western part of the county, which includes Frog Holler, still remains relatively unchanged. The frogs like it that way and so do I.

Plentiful and relatively cheap land made eastern Hoke a natural area for this growth. The lack of infrastructure, primarily sewer service, in these areas prevented the commercial growth that would naturally occur with more homes. Try to get a septic permit for a large restaurant and you will see why. Meanwhile, the land was developed for homes utilizing septic tanks for sewer. Commercial growth is desired to expand the tax base and support the needs of residents while creating jobs for local citizens.

In the mid 1990s, as a consulting engineer, I did a major study



of the projected sewer needs in Hoke County. This included various scenarios and cost estimates for providing these services. I remember presenting this study to the Hoke County Commissioners and remarking that when driving from Cumberland County into Hoke County at night, it was as if the lights had suddenly been cut off. While the need for sewer was recognized, it has taken this long for substantial progress to be made toward this goal. Establishing sewer infrastructure is very costly and this cost is front loaded. You can’t generate sewer revenues without the infrastructure, and you can’t build the infrastructure without revenue. You can’t just stop developers from filling the demand for housing, so you allow developments to be established with septic tanks. This, in turn, takes potential sewer customers away from the county. The longer you wait, the worse it gets. When, and if, sewer service is provided in an area, there is no incentive

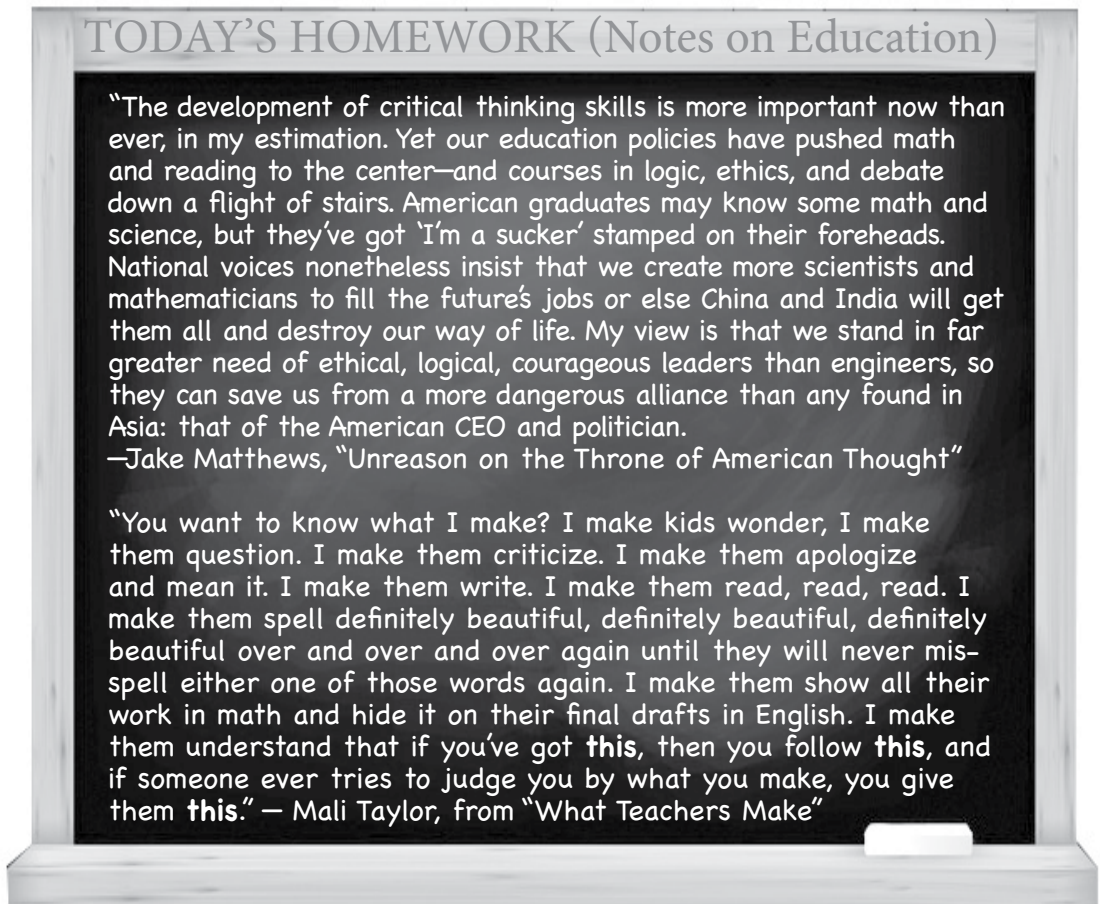
for existing septic customers to buy the service. This sounds very complicated and difficult, and it is! If you have wondered why you have to drive to Cumberland County for goods and services, this is the reason.

After many years of struggling with this puzzle, plans have been made to construct a Hoke wastewater treatment facility on Rockfish Creek. This major piece of the puzzle will now allow for the expansion of sewer service in eastern Hoke.

As you may have noticed, there is now a lot of activity going on along US 401 including the two new hospitals. These hospitals would be totally impossible without a sanitary sewer system.

Now we can begin to complain about more traffic on US 401. This is simply the predictable growth pattern of America. At least with the complaints will come better medical services, more shopping and dining opportunities, a healthier Hoke tax base and more local jobs. This will help control the economic bleeding that has been going on in Hoke that has benefited Cumberland County.

It looks like the lights are finally going on in eastern Hoke. I will be content with the rural west.



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Obituaries

Dr. Jean S. Daniels

Dr. Jean Stephens Daniels of White Lake, formerly of Raeford, died Monday, February 11, 2013 in Duke University Medical Center at the age of 61.

She was born in Cumberland County on January 10, 1952 to the late James D. Stephens and Imogene Baucom Stephens. She was a member of Manna Church in Fayetteville, the Sandhill Emmaus Walk, and the North Carolina Association of Educators. She was the author of the book "The Light of Life and Laura." She earned her bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University, her master's degree from UNC Charlotte, and her doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy L. Daniels, formerly of Bennettsville, South Carolina, now of White Lake; two sons, Joel Daniels of Fayetteville, and Justin Daniel and wife Tatiana of Fayetteville; a daughter, Laura D. Lawyer and husband Mike of Fayetteville; a sister, Jan Stephens of Raeford; her close friend and cousin, Julia Augustoni of Kernersville, formerly of Raeford; two aunts, Sarah Baucom of Pinehurst, and Yvonne B. McMillan of Red Springs; and two grandchildren, Caitlyn Marie Daniels, and Jared Michael Daniels.

Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, February 13 at Crumpler Funeral Home, 131 Harris Avenue, Raeford.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 14 at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leon Hawks officiating. Burial will be in the Raeford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The Light of Life Ministries, c/o Laura D. Lawyer, 921 Johnson Farm Road, Fayetteville, NC 28311, to continue her outreach through additional publication and free distribution of her book.

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

David R. Frame

David Ryan Frame of Raeford died Friday, February 8, 2013 in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital at the age of 16.

He was born in Cumberland County on March 17, 1996 to Michael S. Frame and Tonya Nichols Frame. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Joyce



David R. Frame

Chipman and his maternal great-grandmother, Hazel Chipman. He attended Lincoln Academy before transferring to Flora Macdonald Academy. He enjoyed photography, writing, playing soccer, and spending time with his best friend, Ricky Doza.

Survivors include his parents, Michael Shawn Frame and Tonya Ann Frame; his brother, Michael Allen Frame; his sisters, Katelyn Lee Frame, Danielle Katherine Rothman and husband Myles, all of Raeford; his grandparents, Ernest and Bonnie Frame of Raeford, Al and Sandi Finn of Hope Mills, David and Sharon Nichols of Wiscasset, Maine, and Van Seiders of South Bristol, Maine; his aunt, Paulette LaValley and husband John of Conway, South Carolina; cousins, Whitney Smith of Fayetteville, Brandon and Sean Harrington of Maine, Kristina Finn of Hope Mills, and Angela Moore, Kelsey, Emma and Madison Scott of Walpole, Maine; and a host of uncles, aunts, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, February 15 at Family Community Baptist Church, 4436 Cumberland Road, Fayetteville, with Pastor Roy Arrington officiating.

The family will receive friends following the memorial service.

A graveside service will be held in Walpole, Maine at a later date.

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

Samuel W. Jernigan



Army Sgt. Samuel Wayne Jernigan, 55, of Raeford, died Saturday, February 9, 2013.

Survivors include his chil-

dren, Rachel Blanchard and Dale Blanchard; siblings, Cynthia Moore, Debbie Balton, Allan, and Terry; and two grandchildren.

The graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 13 in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake.



Gwendolyn G. Shaw

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Gwendolyn (Gwen) Gore Senior Entwistle Shaw passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at Davis Healthcare Center in Wilmington.

She was born in Raeford on May 13, 1930 and was a true Southern Belle. She resided in Chapel Hill the majority of her adult life, later relocating to Winston-Salem and Wilmington.

She was a devoted mother of five children and adoring grandmother of 13 grandchildren. She was the daughter of the late Annie Black McFadyen of Fayetteville and the late Arthur D. Gore of Raeford.

She attended Peace College where she was president of the Sigma Phi Kappa Society, treasurer of the Student Council and a member of the Papyrus Club. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina and was a founding member of Kappa Delta. She received her master's degree in Education from the University of Virginia. Following graduation, she began her career as a first grade teacher.

In 1955, she married Dr. Robert Joseph Senior of Williamsville, New York. They moved to Chapel Hill where they raised five children. For more than 30 years she was a nationally acclaimed flower show judge, talented realtor, active member of the Church of the Holy Family, a

member of the NC Society of New York and community volunteer. She never met a stranger and always had a smile on her face. She possessed a talent and passion for decorating, entertaining and flower arrangements. She also enjoyed fashion, tennis and golf.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Dr. Robert J. Senior of Chapel Hill, William (Bill) Entwistle of Winston-Salem, and Alan Shaw Sr. of Winston-Salem.

Survivors include her children, Christopher D. Senior of Chapel Hill and wife Leigh Ann; Gwendolyn (Gigi) Senior Robinson of Chattanooga, Tennessee and husband Bill and their four children: 1st Lt US Army Will Robinson and wife Jess, Nancy, Sam and Jack; Robert J. Senior II of Wilmington and wife Angela and their three sons: Bret, Patrick and Cole; Anne Senior Brewer of Wilmington and husband Jerard and their three children: Avery, Coburn, and Paxton; Sue Senior Catherine of Greensboro and husband Chuck and their three children: Cameron, Casey and Charlie. Also surviving are two sisters, Anne Gore Hostetler Register of Pinehurst, her three children and eight grandchildren, and husband Tom Register; Fanette Gore Ollendorff of Naples, Florida and her three children and two grandchildren; her cousin, Scott McFadyen of Fayetteville; her sister-in-law, Inez Gore of Chipley, Florida; her stepdaughter, Tancy Entwistle of Winton Salem; and, Alan Jr. and Beverly Shaw of Winston Salem.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 16 at Wrightsville Beach at the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk with the Rev. Pat Rabun officiating. A reception and celebration of life will follow in the fellowship hall. Because she had a passion for life and it was full of color and happiness, it is the family's

special request that bright colors be worn in her honor at this gathering.

A graveside service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, February 17 at Raeford Cemetery. A reception will follow in Raeford Presbyterian Church, John C. Ropp Fellowship Hall.

Donations can be made to the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, or Davis Healthcare Center in Wilmington or your favorite organization.

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

Lena M. Paul

Lena Miller Paul, 78, died Thursday, February 7, 2013 at her home in Lilesville.

She was born January 7, 1935 in Hoke County, a daughter of the late Ross and Emma Perryman Miller. She was retired from Burlington Industries.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Wade Hampton Paul of the home; her daughters, Teresa Dolak and Juanita Lear, both of Lilesville; her grandchildren, Fretia Flinchum, Tanya Boatwright, Lori Dennis and Gary Lear; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 9 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home, Wadesboro. Interment was in Lilesville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice, 1119 Hwy. 1 N, Rockingham, NC 28379.

Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfuneralhome-wadesboro.com.

Thelma Williams

Thelma Jordan Williams of Lumberton, formerly of Raeford, died Wednesday, February 6, 2013 in Southeastern Hospice House at the age of 85.



Thelma Williams

She was born in Hoke County on March 3, 1927 to the late Ed Jordan and Sinnia Stevens Jordan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin Monroe Williams Sr. She was a member of the Raeford Church of God for more than 45 years before moving her membership to the Trinity Holiness Church in Lumberton.

Survivors include two daughters, Faye Speights (Bob) of Lumberton, and Deborah Womble (Jim) of Nairobi, Kenya; two sons, Monroe Williams Jr. (Donna) of Lumberton, and Chris Williams (Joann) of Raeford; two sisters, Eva Dean of Parkton and Sade Pittman of Lumberton; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 8 at the Praise and Worship Center, Raeford with pastors Alton Burrow and Russell Kinlaw Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA 02472 and/or Southeastern Hospice House, 1100 Pine Run Drive, Lumberton, NC 28358.

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

Gabby Douglas to speak at UNCP

Olympic gymnast and multiple gold medal-winner Gabrielle "Gabby" Douglas will speak at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke this month as part of the university's Distinguished Speaker Series.

Douglas, 17, nicknamed the "Flying Squirrel," competed with the United States women's gymnastics team at the 2012

Summer Olympics in London, where she won team and individual gold medals. She is the first African-American woman and the first woman of color of any nationality to win the gold medal in the individual all-around category, and is also the first American woman to win gold in both individual and team all-around categories, according

to Olympics information.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 25 at the Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) on the UNCP campus. The free event is open to the public but requires tickets. Tickets can be obtained through the GPAC box office at 521-6361. The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership will sponsor the evening.

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Robbery

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the identities of two of the sus-
pects.

A magistrate issued warrants for the arrest of Amie Lynette Ross, 27, of the 100 block of Park Place Mobile Home Park in Raeford and Lewis Vega, 21, of the 300 block of Providence Way in Aberdeen. Ross and Vega surrendered to authorities Mon- day afternoon and were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony breaking and entering, aiding and abetting armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. They were held under \$1 million bonds. Their first court appearance was set for Tuesday.

Authorities are also searching for the fourth person—the get- away driver—in the case but have not released the suspect's name.

Ross and Vega have prior criminal histories, according to public records from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Ross was convicted of shoplifting and larceny and served more than four years in prison in connection to a 2006 robbery with a dangerous weapon conviction. Vega was convicted in Moore County of crimes including second-degree trespassing and obtaining property by false pre- tense. In September 2012, Vega was sentenced to serve 18 months of probation in connection with a felony larceny conviction.

Vega previously worked at All American Mattress and Furniture and that may be why the robbers allegedly targeted the business, officials said.

“Lewis Vega used to work there—we’re finding out he had been employed there at one time,” Peterkin said.

At first the connection between Frame and the older suspects was unclear, but authorities have since learned Frame was friends with Ross and Vega. Ross’ mother recognized Frame and said he spent time at their house, the sheriff said.

“These kids were together a lot. This wasn’t the first time they were with them,” he said.

Even as the pieces of the case start to come together, it remains “very disturbing,” the sheriff said.

“You know, 16 years old, you’ve not started your life yet,” he said.

Frame did not have a criminal record, the sheriff said.

“When you see someone that young, and from what we’re told, a great family, father possibly military, just a lot of good things there, there’s a lot of questions of why this happened, what led these young people to go that route,” Peterkin said.

The 16-year-old “was a won- derful kid,” his brother Michael A. Frame, 22, a firefighter at the North Raeford Fire Department said in a statement to The News- Journal. The teen’s family, left mourning the loss of a son and brother, is questioning how Frame ended up in the furniture store that night.

“He had never been in trouble before and it doesn’t make sense what has happened. We believe he was forced to go with them or they threatened to hurt someone he loved if he didn’t,” Frame’s brother said. “The adults he ended up with are known criminals and we believe he didn’t have a choice.”

Detectives are still investi- gating the case but so far have not found evidence that Frame was forced into participating in the attempted armed robbery, Peterkin said.

“A lot of bad decisions were made on that night and it cost someone their life,” he said.

Frame attended McLauchlin Elementary School as a child where he was often on the honor roll, according to The News- Journal archives. In recent years he was frequently named to the Cougar honor roll at Flora Mac- Donald Academy.

A Facebook page titled “R.I.P. David Frame” published fam- ily photos of the teen and had gathered more than 340 likes by Tuesday morning. Shocked friends left disbelieving com- ments and offered condolences to Frame’s family.

Frame’s father, Michael Frame, posted a statement to the page Monday night speaking in defense of his son and again stat- ing that the family is concerned the teenager was somehow forced to participate in the armed rob- bery.

“Our son David Frame was shot and killed Friday night. He was with two known adult crimi- nals. The police are investigating the attempted robbery. We believe they need to add kidnapping to the charges,” he wrote. “Our son has never been in trouble. Everyone who knows him will tell you he is the nicest, kindest, most polite kid. We are not naive parents who believed our son was perfect. He hated doing homework or cleaning his room. He spent too much time on his computer and he liked to irritate his sister but he wasn’t a criminal. He knew right from wrong and had a strong moral code. Those adult criminals coerced him. We don’t know how but we do know that he was threatened. He didn’t go of his own free will.”

Frame’s parents alleged their son left clues that he did not go with Ross and Vega willingly but did not specify what those clues were.

The teenager loved soccer, photography, writing and listen- ing to music, and was constantly texting or on Skype with friends and family, his family said.

“His death is a tragedy. We want to make it clear that he was kidnapped, drugged, coerced or all of the above. We pray the truth comes out but the only people who know the events are degenerate, low-life convicted criminals who should not have been released from prison,” Frame’s father wrote.

By Tuesday morning, infor-

mation gathered from the inves- tigation continued to show that Frame was involved in planning the armed robbery, Peterkin said.

“I wish I could say what they want me to say but I have got to be honest,” he said.

There are currently no signs showing that Frame was coerced or forced into participating in the armed robbery, the sheriff said.

“They all put on masks, they all got out of the car, one person had the gun, one person had the brass knuckles,” he said. “... What it does show is there was a conspiracy to rob this business.”

The investigation has also uncovered the suspects knew Roland would be at the store at the time they attempted to rob it, the sheriff said.

“Right now, the investigation shows that they planned this,” he said.

Frame’s parents were out of the state Friday night and trapped in the snowstorm that hit New Eng- land last week. They were trying to get home to Raeford when an officer called to tell them their son was dead, the sheriff said.

The store owner is “not feel- ing good at all about any of this,” Peterkin said. “This was a bad situation for him to be put in.” Roland is “devastated, just devastated. Based on the investigation, it could have gone either way. There’s a very good possibility he could have been shot...he’s not taking it well at all,” the sheriff said.

The events of that night hap- pened in a matter of seconds, Peterkin said.

“No time to say who are you, no time to identify what are you, it was a life and death situation because of money,” he said.

Roland will not face charges, the sheriff said.

“At this time there’s nothing in this investigation that shows that the business owner did any- thing wrong. Nothing at all. He was there running his business, he was closing down, had no idea this was going to happen, nothing any different from his normal day routine,” Peterkin said. Roland is still recovering from non-life-threatening injuries sustained in the armed robbery, the sheriff said.

Roland himself called 911 at approximately 8:33 p.m. on February 8 to report the incident, according to a press statement from the Sheriff’s Office. Hoke County Emergency Communica- tions Director Jimmy Stewart said his office is currently unable to release copies of 911 tapes due to a problem with the system installed in the county’s new emergency 911 communications center.

The sheriff would not confirm or deny whether any security cam- eras inside the business captured the incident on tape.

Further investigation, charges and arrests may be pending in the case.

“Nobody won in this situa- tion. Everybody lost something,” Peterkin said.

will begin soon after, Porter said.

Jerry Dean will replace Porter as board vice-chairman. Dean is the Fayetteville market president of VantageSouth Bank, a financial institution based in the Triangle. Dr. Mar- ion Gillis-Olion, an education professor at Fayetteville State University, will continue as the board secretary/treasurer.

Yikes, those report cards will soon be online

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A new statewide school com- puter program revamp called PowerSchools will go live this year in Hoke County, offering parents a detailed and immedi- ate way to track their children’s progress in the classroom.

Soon lost, or “lost,” report cards and homework assign- ments will be a thing of the past, as families will be able to log on to a website and access their child’s grades, attendance re- cords and more. PowerSchools will come online this July and will roll out for parents for the 2013-14 school year, testing and accountability coordinator Sharon Allen said.

The school system is prepar- ing teachers to work with the new program and is reaching out to parents to let them know what the change means for them and their children.

“Internally we’ll do a lot of informational sessions with our teachers, with our administra- tors, and all of the educational family will learn it as we go along,” Allen said. “The most important aspect of this is the public, especially parents, knowing they’re going to have better access, better information at their fingertips than they’ve

ever had before.”

Parents will have a secured password and log-in identifi- cation that will allow them to see their child’s grades, atten- dance records, information on classroom activities and lesson plans, assignments for students and more. Teachers will also have access to a greater variety of tools that will allow them to keep records and communicate with parents.

“Teachers will have easy access to the parents with this module so they can shoot them an email, they can post mes- sages directly to all parents in the class,” Allen said.

There are also built-in secu- rity protocols to keep privacy intact. Parents or guardians will have to prove their identity before they are allowed access to the system, and parents will only be able to see records for their child or children, school officials said.

PowerSchools is one way of giving parents greater insight and influence in their children’s learning experience, Allen said, especially when it comes to things like forgotten homework assignments.

“A parent now will be able to log in and say, oh yes, you do have homework, now let’s do what’s on here,” Allen said.

A program called HomeBase is the “bucket” that will hold a number of electronic services, including PowerSchools, for educators, students and par- ents. HomeBase will also offer professional development op- portunities and other tools for education professionals.

PowerSchools is the first “big rollout” of HomeBase, Allen said. Schools technology direc- tor Jason Atkinson said he and his staff are working beforehand to be ready to put the system in place. There is training available and required for school profes- sionals to help them become familiar with PowerSchools.

“The online training is really good,” he said.

Allen said the state Board of Education has planned to put the system in place for several years but only voted last year to set 2013 as the deadline for changing over to HomeBase. The PowerSchools and Home- Base programs are being funded by the state and will not require local contributions. Some of North Carolina’s federal Race to the Top funding is going into paying for the software, as HomeBase was part of the state’s application for the federal funding, Atkinson said.

“This is one of their final pieces,” he said.

Other stuff

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do?” I asked.

Almost apologetically, she answered, “Youth work with a church.”

“Oh wow,” I said. “I do that too, but as a volunteer.”

“What denomination?” I asked.

“Presbyterian,” she said.

“Me too!” I said.

“PCUSA, PCA or EPC?” I asked.

“PCUSA.”

“Me too!”

It was about at this point a story from Emo Phillips was screaming in my head. I resisted the response from the story, which I will share here, then turn you loose:

I was walking across a bridge one day, and I saw a man standing on the edge, about to jump off. So I ran over and said, “Stop! Don’t do it!”

“Why shouldn’t I?” he said.

I said, “Well, there’s so much to live for!”

He said, “Like what?”

I said, “Well...are you religious or atheist?”

He said, “Religious.”

I said, “Me too! Are you Chris- tian or Buddhist?”

He said, “Christian.”

I said, “Me too! Are you Catho- lic or protestant?”

He said, “Protestant.”

I said, “Me too! Are you Epis- copalian or Baptist?”

He said, “Baptist!”

I said, “Wow! Me too! Are you Baptist Church of God or Baptist Church of the Lord?”

He said, “Baptist Church of God!”

I said, “Me too! Are you origi- nal Baptist Church of God, or are you reformed Baptist Church of God?”

He said, “Reformed Baptist Church of God!”

I said, “Me too! Are you re- formed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1879, or reformed Baptist Church of God, reforma- tion of 1915?”

He said, “Reformed Baptist Church of God, reformation of 1915!”

I said, “Die, heretic scum,” and pushed him off. ♦

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Porter

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As he steps into the chairman position, Porter said he will focus on leading the board members and continuing to provide strategic guidance for Cape Fear Valley and especially its Hoke County hos- pital. The economic development director said he does not foresee any potential conflicts between his work with Hoke County and

his volunteer-basis position with the board of trustees.

“My number one priority is the economic development of Hoke County,” he said.

Cape Fear Valley Health plans to hold a ribbon cutting on its nearly completed outpatient center, Health Pavilion Hoke, in March. Bricklaying for the Cape Fear Valley Hoke County hospital

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SPORTS



Coach Milton Butts (standing left over the shoulder) helps Darius Wirt with his National Letter of Intent to play football at Fayetteville State. Darius wants to study Earth Science and Biology with the Broncos. Sitting at the table, Detrez Newsome (right) signs his National Letter of Intent to play football at Western Carolina. Newsome wants to take Information Technology.



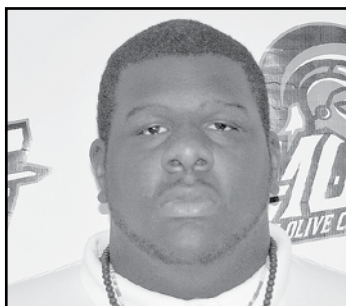
Latrese Wirt (left front) sits with her son Darius (second on left) and Yolanda Bookhart (right front) and her son Detrez Newsome (second on right) during their signing day last week. Head Coach Milton Butts and other coaches and teammates stand in the back in support of Newsome and Wirt.

Campbell finishes 3rd for Mount Olive

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

Hoke County High School graduate and Mount Olive College track and field member Ryan Campbell helped the Trojans' track team finish second at the Winston-Salem Open last week in Winston-Salem. The event

was the second of the season for the Trojans. Campbell placed third in the 14-team meet with a weight throw of 13.13 meters. The Trojans compiled 68 points and finished second out of 14 teams in the men's meet. Mount Olive was one of three Conference Carolinas men's teams and four Conference Carolinas teams competing.



Hoke County High School graduate Ryan Campbell helped Mount Olive College place second out of 14 teams in the Winston-Salem Open held last week. Campbell participates in the Weight Throw and finished in third place with a throw of 13.13 meters.

National Signing Day

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

Two Hoke County High School football players signed their National Letters of Intent to play college football last week at Hoke High. Detrez Newsome, the record setting running back, signed to play football at Western Carolina. Offensive lineman Darius Wirt signed his letter to play football at Fayetteville State. Head Coach Milton Butts is very proud of the two young men and said, "These two guys really worked hard in the classroom and on the field and it showed and paid off for them. We had several other kids who could have been sitting right where these two are but didn't do what it took in the classroom."

We asked both Newsome and Wirt a few questions and these were their responses.

#1 What do you plan to take in college? #2 Who has helped you the most get where you are today? #3

What would you say to a group of elementary school kids if they want to be in the same position as you to play college sports?

Detrez Newsome: 1) I would like to get into Information Technology. 2) My parents and coaches have helped me the most. 3) Kids must work hard in the classroom, work hard on the field and enjoy the things they do.

Darius Wirt: 1) I plan on taking Earth Science or Biology. 2) My mom and dad have helped me the most as well as my coaches. 3) Kids must push yourself and believe in yourself even when others don't believe in you and listen to your elders, they are wise.

Head Coach Milton Butts said, "Last year's success on the field was a great opportunity for these kids and this year we have about 50 or 60 kids working out in the winter and upcoming spring in the weight room getting ready for 2013. We've had a few kids move into the area

and some key returnees coming back next season. We should be very competitive and build on what we accomplished last year."

Last year the Bucks were 10-3 overall and 3-2 in conference play. They made it to the playoffs in the second round and lost to Jack Britt 17-10. In that game Hoke County scored what appeared to be a touchdown but the runner was called down at the one. After reviewing the video in the post season, it was pretty clear that the runner broke the plane of the goal line. Hoke also had a punt return that went deep into Buccaneer territory called back for a block in the back which was subjective. Either way you look at it, Hoke County made some noise in the Southeastern Conference and the Cape Fear area. Running back Detrez Newsome set the school record for rushing yards at 2,078 for the season and had 262 carries and 36 touchdowns.

Bucks basketball update

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Bucks basketball teams are winding down the regular season this week and last night the freshman and junior varsity teams ended their seasons with a full slate of basketball in MacDonald Gym.

Last week the junior varsity boys' team pulled out a double overtime thriller against Richmond County winning 69-66 on the road.

"We felt like the whole crowd was against us and the boys blocked that out and had one of their best defensive performances of the season," Coach Robert Torrence said.

Dominique Love was the leading scorer hitting 23 points. John Maynor had 16 points and Quashaun Gaddy had 10 points. Tyler Wilson and Koren Parker ended up with eight points each to round out the scoring.

The varsity Lady Bucks played Scotland County last Friday night and displayed great improvement since the last meeting, which the Bucks lost 86-34 at home. On the road, the Bucks buckled down on defense and strung together a nice run off the shooting of Shanice Horne who had 21 points and Courtney Pate who had 11 points. The Bucks lost 52-43. Rounding out the scoring was Te'Montae Spellers with six points, Symone Thompson and La'Queria Peterkin had two each and Gevetta Whittington had one. The Lady Bucks are 5-17 and 2-6 in conference play.

The boys took care of business Friday night outrunning the Scots 92-28. Tarique Thompson led the way with 24 points and 18 rebounds while Rashad Parker had 15 points and eight rebounds. Kory Jones came in and hit 13 points while Brennen Wright added 10, KeShawn Shaw-Willis added seven, and Jawane Harris, Chris Delbridge and Octavious Williams added six each, Tymel Blue and Greg Williams added two each and Darius Book added one. The boys are 20-2 overall and 8-0 in conference play.

Two sign for college soccer



Amanda Priest (left) stands with her coach Aaron Wood and her teammate Laura Deihl (right) after they signed their National Letters of Intent to play soccer for St. Andrews University in Laurinburg. Both Amanda and Laura played parks and recreation soccer in Hoke County, varsity soccer for Hoke County High School and club soccer for the Fayetteville Force. (Sue Priest photo)



Laura Deihl (seated) signs her National Letter of Intent to play soccer for St. Andrews University in Laurinburg while her mother Yong Deihl observes. (Sue Priest photo)

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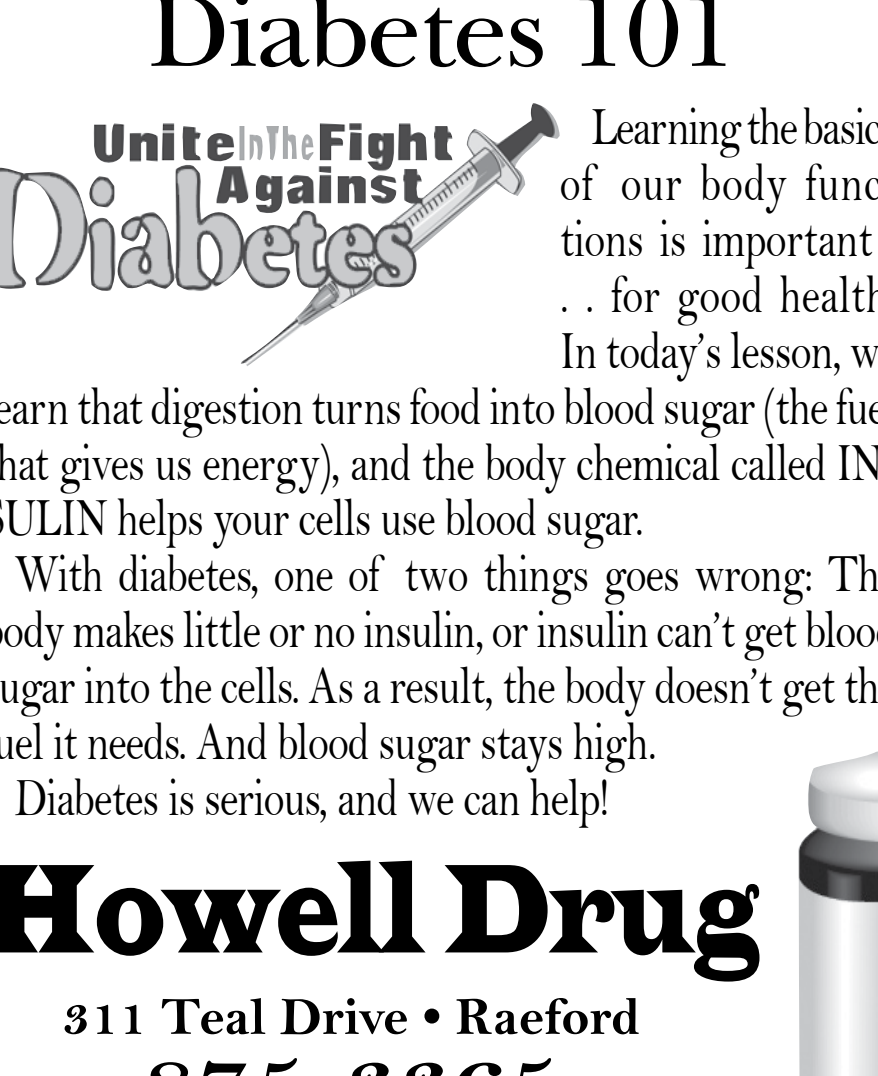
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