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Schools hire Spells as superintendent Board picks Westover band director to lead Marching Bucks

Editor

The Hoke County Board of Education voted Tuesday night to hire Dr. Kenneth Spells as superintendent, and also voted to extend Interim Superinthrough the end of December.

As part of the personnel report, the board also voted to hire Jeremy Ross as the new band director for Hoke County High School. Ross will come to Hoke High after serving as marching band

Cumberland County.

Spells has signed his contract with the school district, Shotwell confirmed. He will start in January and will make a salary of \$185,000 a year.

Spells has been superintendent of

tendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell's contract director at Westover High School in the Hazel Crest 152 ½ school district in Hazel Crest, Illinois since 2019, according to a biography on that district's website. Prior to that, Spells served as superintendent of schools for South Bend School Corporation in South

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NC Fall Festival kicks off with Turkey Bowl

Friday night football game is also Hoke County Homecoming

The 2023 North Carolina game will start at 7:30 p.m. this Fall Festival starts with kickoff this Friday, October 13 at Raz Autry Stadium with the Turkey Bowl football game and Hoke County High School's annual Homecoming.

The game will see the 2-6 Hoke High Bucks football team take on the 2-5 Union Pines Vikings for the Turkey Bowl trophy. The

Friday.

The Fall Festival events will continue Saturday, October 14 with the third-annual Marvin Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament. Golfers will tee up at the Bayonet at Puppy Creek Golf Course, which was recently renovated. Registration for the

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Upchurch Elementary School's Boys of Distinction club hosts Breast Cancer Awareness event Boys of Distinction at Upchurch Elementary School hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness walk/run event Saturday, October 7, 2023 in the gym to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. Participants walked a total of 30 laps in the school's gymnasium and raised funds that will be sent to the American Cancer Society. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed every year in the month of October to raise awareness about the most common form of cancer among women. (Contributed photo)

City makes plans to work on utility improvements

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD

The city was announced to receive Dennis Baxley said. the money as part of the General

\$9.5 million in state funds to make "We've got a capital improveimprovements to its utility system, ment plan for the water and sewer and help with sewer hookups in a system, so we're going to try and city neighborhood currently without knock out as many of those projects

Repairs to the city's water treat-

operation of the plant," Baxley said. "Upgrade some pumps, and we may

The City of Raeford will use Assembly's recently passed budget. ment plant will be first on the to-do on a system that will tie the water something happens." treatment and wastewater treatment Additionally, some of the money "In general, just to improve the plants together. With the system in will go toward helping with sewer place, "staff can monitor the operation of the water and treatment plant

as possible," Raeford City Manager include the cleaning and painting of remotely or from their desktop at work," Baxley explained. "It should Then, the city plans to work tell you where problems exist, if

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County wants to keep greenery on courthouse site

By Catharin Shepard Editor

If it seems like the fencing erected downtown around the construction site for the new Hoke County Courthouse and administration building keeps moving around – that's because it has.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners voted last week at the board's regularly scheduled meeting to have Metcon and J&K, the joint venture partners working on the construction, move the fencing further away from the street.

It was the second time the county asked the builders to adjust the fencing around the construction site. The first time, commissioners discussed, the fencing was placed around a fire hydrant at the construction site, and had to be moved to allow fire departments access to the hydrant.

The second time, it was because of arequest from Commissioner Bobby Wright, brought up and added to the meeting agenda last week.

Wright proposed, also, that the county not take out the trees and other greenery that were planted at the site, on the side of the lot facing

Main Street.

"I'd like to put it in the form of a motion, that I think we shouldn't destroy the trees and the fine shrubbery we've got," Wright said, after the board voted to add the matter to

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Hoke County Legends

Pastor, businesswoman Dr. Louise K. Thomas

By Catharin Shepard Editor

Today many women answer the call to ministry, but when Dr. Louise K. Thomas began preaching, she didn't always get a warm welcome as a woman standing in a church pulpit.

That didn't matter to her – as her dedication to her faith showed. The first woman to become presiding elder of her church, she served as a pastor for over 50 years. She was (See LENGEND, page 2)



Oak scholarship will live on BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Editor

It took years of hard work and donations from generous people and organizations, but now the White Oak School Scholarship has been secured for the future through the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Former Hoke County Commissioner and White Oak School alumna Ellen McNeill spearheaded the effort to get the locally-sponsored

White Oak School Scholarship set up through the NCCF. It took raising \$40,000 to establish the endowment, including some \$20,000 of which was raised recently in a rush to the finish line. Individuals and organizations – including many who wished to remain anonymous, McNeill said donated enough money to meet the goal.

Now that it's under the NCCF, two Hoke County high school students each year will receive a \$1,000 scholarship each, continuing into the future, in honor of White Oak School.

When McNeill found out that raising a total of \$40,000 could ensure not just one but two scholarships each year, it was an incentive to double down efforts to make it happen.

"That really got me working with the community, but I had such a short time to do it. That's when the community really backed us," she said.

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BROWSING THE FILE

82 Years Ago October 16, 1941

A man filed a notice of appeal to Superior Court following his conviction in County Court Tuesday of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He had been sentenced to serve four months on the roads and had been given a sentence of 60 days for carrying a concealed weapon. The sentence had been suspected upon payment of \$50 and costs.

Deposits in the Bank of Raeford, Hoke county's only banking institution, topped the million dollar mark at the close of business Tuesday afternoon, according to Wilmer McDonald, assistant cashier.

With the assignment of additional patrolmen to the counties in which the Army Maneuvers are in progress the motorists are warned that the speed regulations will be strictly enforced. Patrolman Jo Murrill, who will be assisted here by Patrolman Herman Ivey, stated yesterday that the 35 mile per hour regulation will be rigidly enforced. Patrols, he said, would operate over all roads for 24 hours per day. Signs have been posted at all county lines where highways enter the maneuver area calling attention of motorists to the fact and to the speed laws.

The Men's Class of the Raeford Methodist church gave a fish fry at Clyde's pond Tuesday for the men and boys of the church that proved a delightful occasion to about eighty-five men and boys. Lewis Upchurch and Harry Green, assisted with some fine help, prepared the supper. Tommie Upchurch got the fish from...somewhere.

Census report shows that 6,929 bales of cotton were ginned in Hoke county from the first crop of 1941 prior to October 1st as compared with 7,395 bales for the crop of 1940.

J.W. Dowd, vocational agriculture teacher and sponsor of the Future Farmers of America club of Hoke high school, has been notified by the state officers of the club that the Hoke chapter has won the summer camping trophy again this past season. The Hoke chapter scored 320

points out of a possible 325. The nearest competitor had a score of 240 points. This is the second year in succession that our local boys have won this distinction. It certainly speaks well for their work and that of their teacher.

The War Department has announced that William McFadyen of Raeford, has accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the air corps reserve. Lt. McFadyen is now stationed in Tacoma, Washington.

Fort Screven, Ga., Oct. 15 -Promotion of the following named enlisted men of Battery F, 252nd Coast Artillery, Raeford National Guard unit, has been announced in orders released here: To be sergeant-Private Jamie W. Stone; To be corporals – Privates First Class William A. Harris, Woodrow Wilson and Joseph M. Pickler.

Tax payments this fall are being made in a most satisfactory manner, according to John A. McGoogan, tax supervisor of Hoke county.

65 Years Ago October 9, 1958

At the last report today the employees of Raeford Plant, Pacific Mills, had contributed \$7.500 to the Hoke County United Fund campaign, with a little more almost certain to come in. With a \$500 check delivered to Fund Chairman Paul Dickson by Plant Manager B.C. McWhite for the company, the total figure for the plant stands at \$8,000.

A new Scout troop is being organized here and some of the trainee members are shown above being instructed by other Scouts. The troop is sponsored by the Lions Club.

Following report Tuesday by the Chamber of Commerce housing committee of 154 families interest in buying homes in Raeford and 51 families interested in renting homes here, the Chamber board of directors directed the housing committee to contact and assist any builders it can find who are interested in constructing and financing homes for sale or rent in the committee.

A defendant in Hoke Recorder's Court set what must be close to a record when he was tried Tuesday for three alleged law violations. The defendant was charged with breaking and entering a dwelling at night, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and attempt to rob.

"We expect the biggest crowd we've ever had for Homecoming this year," said W.T. Gibson Jr., principal of the Hoke High School. "Both gates at the ball park will be open and we're trying to get extra concession stands,"

he continued. The week end is of particular interest to those who have recently graduated from the High School and many of them come back for the game and the other activities of the week end. Sports fans will be on hand in large numbers, it is expected, since the Bucks this Friday will play the number two team in the conference, Hamlet.

The nominating committee of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation met recently at the REA office in Red Springs and will be renominated the present board of directors for another term. They will be voted on at the annual meeting of the 8,000 members of the cooperative in Red Springs on November 5.

47 Years Ago October 14, 1976

A tractor trailer carrying thirty nine thousand pounds of frozen turkey missed a curve on U.S. 401 – business early last Thursday morning and overturned, with the driver receiving slight injuries. None of the poultry was spoiled,



Former Gov. Bob Scott, president of the N.C. Presbyterian Historical Society (at right) is greeted by Bethel Presbyterian Church's Rev. George Cheney. Scott and a group of about 45 Society members stopped off at Bethel Church Thursday while on a tour of very old church buildings in the area. (From October 1976)

> as the House of Raeford Farms Inc. plant immediately sent a crew to retrieve the frozen turkeys.

Annexation of the College Drive area may be a possibility early next year if the city's application for funds for sewer work under the Public Works legislation just approved by Congress is granted. The city has already submitted an application for funds to construct an outfall line stretching from 211 west southward past the high school to 211 east near the Knit-Away plant. Preliminary survey work has already begun.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. will mail ballots Nov. 8 to Raeford area subscribers for the start of voting on the proposed merger of the Raeford and Fayetteville – Ft. Bragg exchanges.

Jeff Upchurch, a sixteen-yearold Hoke High student who died of acute lymphoblastic leukemia last week, received a posthumous tribute from his classmates Friday night at the Bucks game played here. The football, dedicated to Jeff, was presented to his family



son counties last Saturday also left its mark in Hoke County.T.J. Harris reported that it sounded like three separate tornadoes swept over his property. Harris (center) and workmen were working Monday to clean up the debris of a tree felled in his front yard by the winds. (From October 1976)

following the game. Jeff was one of Hoke County leaders. of the trainers of the Bucks.

Chamber of Commerce directors met Tuesday morning for their regular meeting and learned that the new city maps should be ready for distribution by the end of the year. The maps, glove compartment size, have been completely updated, showing all changes in streets and new names added to the street directory.

The long-awaited swine flu immunization campaign began in Hoke County Monday after the arrival of the first batch of the vaccine at the health department last week. Persons ages 65 and older and the chronically ill were the first to be inoculated with the bivalent vaccine. The bivalent, or combination type shot, protects against swine flu and also the type A Victoria flu which was prevalent last winter and is expected to return this year.

25 Years Ago October 14, 1998

First Lady Carolyn Hunt said she wasn't going to let a cold stand in the way of a personal appearance to formally welcome Smart Start to Hoke County. True to her word, the wife of Gov. Jim Hunt served as Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families' guest of honor Tuesday at a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by a who's who

On Monday, Hoke County District Judge Richard T. Brown sentenced three people involved ina f fracas at the end of the N.C. Turkey Festival parade was ending on September 17. They rendered guilty pleas without benefit of attorney. The cases of four others were continued.

The N.C. Highway Patrol is investigating the hit and run death of a Raeford resident on Scurlock School Road Monday night at 8:25. The 45-year-old man was walking with a friend when he was struck from behind, and the south-bound vehicle sped away. His friend was not hurt.

From Around Town, by Sam C. Morris-I know that the fall season is here when the air conditioner is turned off and you need heat in the mornings. The lows have been in the low 50s for the past few days. The highs have been in the 70s. We didn't get as much rain last week as the areas north of us. My gauge had a reading of six one-hundredth of an inch. The forecast for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Saturday, calls for the highs to be in the 70s and the lows in the low 50s. There isn't any rain in the forecast. Now we can look forward to raking leaves and the coloring of the leaves. This is my favorite time of the year.

Legends

(Continued from page 1) also a well-known businesswoman. She passed her passion for preaching on to many people, including some of her own family.

Louise Kemp Thomas was born May 19, 1927 to her parents, Judge Duncan Kemp and Marzetter Cooley Kemp.

Thomas grew up in Hoke County and attended Upchurch High School, which was at the time a segregated school for Black students. She managed to complete two grades within one year while a high school student, maintaining grades of As and Bs, and graduated with the Upchurch High School Class of 1944. She would later go on to attend Sandhills Community College.

Thomas felt called to the ministry and pursued training to become a pastor. She received her Doctor of Divinity from Good News Bible College, and also earned a certificate $of Bible\,study\,from\,Pittsburgh\,Bible$

She first went into ministry in 1955, starting with a last-minute call from a church in St. Pauls.

"I preached my trial sermon in 1955 with a 15-minute notice from the late Bishop J.P. Gaddy at Mt. Zion Church in St. Pauls. We were at the 5th Sunday Union,"Thomas was quoted in a newspaper story from March 2006. "People say I preached then the same way I preach today."

Thomas began preaching at Mt. Calvary Church of God in Hoke County. She took to the pulpit at

women to have such a leadership role in a church, her daughter, Mary T. Morrison, once recalled.

When mother started preaching, there were so few women preachers that we were ridiculed," the News-Journal quoted her. "People would say things like, 'She's over in Queenmore preaching in that hole in the wall.

Ridicule like that couldn't keep Thomas down.

Throughout her more than half a century serving as pastor, Thomas led her church members through grief and loss at funerals, as well as the new beginnings of weddings and christenings. In the 1970s, she led her church in a fundraiser as they sought to replace outdoor restroom facilities with indoor plumbing. She was also known to push through even when she wasn't feeling well.

"She had to be strong to preach a funeral with pneumonia and a temperature of 104 for a man who wasn't even a member of her church, but she had given her word," one person was quoted by the newspaper about Thomas.

One time, Thomas was called on to pray for a newborn family member. Her niece Jerolyn Fairley had just given birth to son Johnathan, who was born premature and "wasn't expected by the doctors to live long," according to a 2020 story written by Chyna Delk-Bratcher.

'She remembers her aunt...Dr. Louise K. Thomas, came to the hospital and placed her hands in the incubator to pray over Johnathan's healing. The irony of her praying for that baby was that she was praying over her future successor," Delk-

Bratcher wrote. Her great-nephew went on to graduate from Hoke High with the Class of 1996, and in 2020 became the youngest pastor to be installed as senior pastor of Mt. Calvary Church of God

He followed in Thomas' footsteps, which left a deep impact on the faith community in Hoke County and beyond.

During her time as pastor, Thomas served as president of the Church of God Founded by Jesus Christ Northwestern District. She was frequently called on as a speaker, including serving as speaker at a Christian Jubilee service held in August 2003 as part of alumni celebrations for Upchurch High School.

Besides her constant efforts as a pastor, she was also a founding member of the Silver City Community Club, which was established in 1952 by her sister, Dr. Mary K. Thomas, according to a newspaper story by Ellen McNeill. As a member of the club, Thomas was among those who were "the pillars of the community as teachers, community workers, and socially active women," Mc-Neill wrote.

Thomas was also a businesswoman, pursuing multiple different ventures, including restaurant

had pastored for decades surprised

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gram. Some didn't believe that the program would manage to be a secret from Thomas.

"When I found out what they were trying to do, I asked my secretary, how are they going to surprise her? God could wake her up in the middle of the night and show her what's going on. You can't keep anything from the pastor," Bishop Ethel McNair of the Apostolic Church in Jesus Christ from Cheraw, South Carolina was quoted in a News-Journal story at the time.

But the organizers did manage to keep it a secret long enough to surprise Thomas at her church.

"All knew the surprise was a success when the usually elegantly dressed Dr. Thomas arrived wearing a casual gray suit, black blouse, black tam hat and high-top black leather shoes. She received a standing ovation," a writer reported on the big day. "This was a happy occasion, a celebration of a living legend, beautiful and touching, and many wiped their eyes."

Churchgoers and friends describedher as "apreaching machine" and a "spirit of excellence."

Thomas was married to her husband, Roy Thomas. She was the mother of daughter, Mary T. Morrison, and grandmother to

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day, August 13, 2013 at the age of 86. Many people had kind words to describe Thomas:

"There is no telling how many lives you have touched over the 50 years you have been breaching. Seventy-eight years old and I see no sign of retirement...Many have benefited from your existence. God has put you here for a purpose and you have served well. You have worked in neighborhoods where I see no mansions, but I'm assured from what I know about you and have witnessed, there is a mansion waiting for you in heaven." - Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill

"People call me the High Sheriff but God's work is higher than the Sheriff's. I can hold them in county jail, but she's trying to lead them to the pearly gates." - the late Dr. Hubert Peterkin, Hoke County Sheriff

"Icall her Hoke County's pastor." Bishop Robert McRae

"Fifty years! One does well to find someone to stick it out five months. I thank God for her faithfulness, which is faith in the fullness to go the distance. She falls in that

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category of preachers who knows how to use the sword, which is the word and flow in the spirit, which is the anointing."-Bishop Troy Wiley, General Bishop of Bible Holiness Church Inc.

"She was a community-minded individual, she was an entrepreneur in the African-American community. She was just a people person, she tried to interact with every individual. She was just a gifted person. She had a heart for soul-winning. She was just a gifted teacher and preacher of the gospel. She was very energetic, spirit-filled." – Pastor Dr. Barry O. Shoffner, Buffalo Springs

Missionary Baptist Church One of Thomas' favorite sayings was known to be, "Let God and let go."

And, in her own words:

"Endure hardness as a good soldier. It's time to put up or shut up. I'm in business over here in Queenmore, and souls for Christ is my business. I ain't going nowhere. As for me and my house, I'm going to serve the Lord. God bless you all."

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Dituaries



Charles Blue **Charles Blue**

Charles Edward Blue died October 1, 2023 at the age of 73. He was born September 27,

He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy Blue; and children.

Public visitation was held Saturday, October 7 from 1-2 p.m. A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 8 at Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Kathleen Carter

Kathleen Carter died October 1, 2023 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, at the age of 71.

She was born August 6, 1952. A funeral was held at noon Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Church of Freedom.



Grace Dodt **Grace Dodt**

Grace Dodt died October 4, 2023 at the age of 89.

She was born June 1, 1934. A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 10 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church.



Patricia Grant

Patricia "Pat" Grant died Tuesday, October 3, 2023, peacefully at home with her family, at the age

She was born March 8, 1948 in Fayetteville to the late Archie Boyd Grant and Dorothy Elizabeth Baine

She was a strong-willed, spunky, and fun woman. She was very active with her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She was sweet, extroverted, and had a lot of friends. She will be missed dearly.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Teresa Faye Bennett; son, Johnny Horace Bennett Jr.; stepmother, Gene Grant; grandson, Michael Andrew Miller Jr.; niece, Jessica Lauren Miller; and sister Cornelia Moore.

She is survived by her children, Chris Watkins and Sheryl Beasley; granddaughter, Ashley Nuhaj; niece, Donna Jackson; nephew, Henry Beasley Jr.; and sister, Wanda Locklear; and several other family members.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Cancer Society in honor of her three-time battle with cancer. Online memorials may be

made on the Crumpler Funeral Home website.



Lydia Johnson

Lydia Johnson

Lydia Diana Johnson died October 5, 2023 at the age of 46.

She was born June 15, 1977 at Fort Bragg Army Post to Anton D. Johnson and the late Diane Holland Johnson.

She was a fierce, funny, and vibrant woman. She had a good heart and loved her family. She was very musically inclined and loved to sing.

Along with her mother, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter Sessalee Hunt.

She is survived by her father, Anton D. Johnson; five children, Hannah Johnson, Michael Long (Cayleigh), Tayla Jacobs, Daisy Oxendine (Randall), Kirstan Ogburn; grandchildren, Nakota, Chesslee, Braxton, Jaxxon, Halona, Kole, Tylan; Sister, Sabrina Holt (Billy); Brother, Allen Johnson (Beth); Uncle, Johnny Holland; three nieces and two nephews.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. Online memorials may be made on the Crumpler Funeral Home website.

Michael Martin

Michael Devon Martin died August 11, 2023 at the age of 35. He was born March 18, 1988 to



Michael Martin

Mable McNeill Martin and James Michael Brower in Pinehurst.

His death leaves heartaches only time can heal. Some may forget him now that he's gone, but we will remember him no matter how long.

He was educated at J.W. Knuckles in Lumberton, Hawkeye in Red Springs and East Hoke in Raeford. He graduated from North Moore High School in Robbins.

While attending school, he played basketball and football as a wide receiver, and ran track. He loved working with his hands, painting, drawing, and making statues. He also loved working outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Theodore and Bernice Brower; uncles, Nathan Brower and Stanly Brower; and grandfather, Leroy McNeill.

He is survived by his mother, Mable McNeill Martin of Red Springs; his father, James M. Brower (Carolyn) of Robbins; his grandmother, Dorothy McNeill of West End; sisters, Angela Tilghman of Raeford, Kimberly Martin of Red Springs, and Kalah Nicole Martin of Robbins: brothers, Robert Martin of Petersburg, Virginia, Timothy Martin (Tina) of Aberdeen, and Keith Martin of Aberdeen; uncles, Larry McNeill (Deborah) of High Falls, Marvin McNeill (Angela) of West End, Tommy McNeill of

Raeford, Theron L. Brower (Pauline), Nelson Brower (Wylene), and Tony Brower (Donna) all of Robbins; aunts, Rita Mbono (Ben) and Dorothy Ann Lane (Thom) of Jackson Springs, Sharon McNeill of West End, and Patricia Godwin of Raeford; nephews, Christopher McNeill of Raeford, Andrea Thomas of Raeford, Eric Martin of Red Springs, Robert Martin of Virginia and Isaiah Martin of Asheboro; three great-nephews, Kamari McNeill of Raeford, Maleak Martin of Asheboro, and Jocoby McNeill of Hot Springs, Arkansas; niece, Shalyn Blackmon of Fayetteville; and a host of family and friends.



David McNair Sr.

David McNair Sr. David McNair Sr. died October 7, 2023 at the age of 61.

He was born May 28, 1962. He was preceded in death by his

son, David McNair Jr. He is survived by his wife, Debra S. McNair; children: Jamelle McNair, Amere Campbell,

DaVivon McNair, Michael Roper, Chloe McNair, Ashanti McNair, Dashawna McNair, Nyeamah Troutman, LaTonya McRae; parents: James Curtis McNair, Wilhelmenia; siblings: Mary Cole, Dorothy McNair, Brenda McNair, James McNair Jr; and 16 grandchildren, along with a host of other family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at noon Friday, October 13 at New Greater Solid Rock Church.



Dennis McMillan

Dennis McMillan of Raeford died Monday, October 2, 2023 at the age of 69.

He was born October 2, 1954. A memorial service was held at

3 p.m. Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Jordan Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Southern Pines. Services are entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home & Cremation Services.



A'mora Richardson

A'mora Richardson Baby A'mora Ann Marie Rich-

ardson died September 17, 2023. She was born August 26, 2023. She is survived by her parents,

Jeremy Richardson and Takia Mor-

rison, along with a host of other family and friends. A memorial service to honor her

life was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 27 at the Buie's Funeral Home chapel.

Award history tied to 70-year-old tragedy that killed 7 people

By CATHARIN SHEPARD Editor

When Hoke County Schools Athletic Director Gary Brigman addressed the Raeford Kiwanis Club last week, it was to give to the organization a small trophy that had been with the school district for many decades.

As it turned out, the award was named in memory of a teenager from Hoke County who was one of five boys and two men who lost their lives in what a newspaper writer at the time described as "the worst tragedy of any sort ever to hit this county.

The trophy Brigman located had been presented to several youth for being the best Key Club member. The trophy dated back to the days when Hoke High School was housed in what is now Turlington Avenue.

Longest-serving Raeford Kiwanis Club member, Benny McLeod, took a look at the engravings on both sides of the award. McLeod's own name was the first of several recipients' names engraved on the back of the trophy, showing a young James Benton McLeod received the honor in 1954, appar-

ently the first year it was presented. Subsequent recipients were Jimmy L. Hendley in 1955, John Kenneth Culbreth in 1956, Lewis M. Upchurch in 1957, Neil A. Mc-Donaldin 1958, Alan McDonaldin 1959 and William Shankle in 1960.

It was the award's name engraved on the trophy, marking it as the James William Blue Award, that caught McLeod's notice. Blue was one of five boys attending Hoke High School who died in a terrible car accident, he recalled.

The accident that took the lives of seven people happened Friday, July 17, 1953 – marking a little over 70 years ago since the tragedy.

"County Shocked By Death of 7," the headline said, "Five Blue Springs Youths Killed In Wreck Friday p.m. - Two Others Die Also," and "Thousands Attend Services For Boys At Bethel Sunday.'

The News-Journal's archives told the story, originally printed July 23, 1953:

The worst tragedy of any sort ever to hit this county in the memory of living residents struck suddenly at about 11:45 Friday night when a car carrying five Blue Springs lads collided with a truck carrying

Laurinburg Road three and onehalf miles south of Raeford about 30 steps from the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Easterling, and their son, Robert, 15, was one of those who lost his life. The boy's father was among the first to reach the scene of the crash, and his mother, who worked at Para Thread Co. until

Patrolman W.T. Herbin, Sheriff D.H. Hodgin and Coroner James C. Lentz investigated the accident. Patrolman Herbin interviewed other drivers on the road at the time. He said one told him that the car carrying the youths had passed him at a high rate of speed a few moments before it crashed into the truck driven by Lassiter, who was on the way home after carrying a load of tobacco to a Georgia market. A bus driver, who was behind the truck, said the vehicle was proceeding north at a nominal rate of speed,

according to the patrolman. Reports are that the car was apparently being driven by William Blue, oldest in the group and the only one having a driver's license. The car belonged to his father. He was reported to have been driving

two Smithfield men and caused the death of all seven. The wreck took place on the

midnight, arrived soon after.

Those who died were Robert Neill Currie, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Currie; James William Blue, 17, and his brother, John A. Blue, 14, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Blue; Billy Joe Clark, 14, son of Mrs. Luther Clark; and Robert Easterling, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs.

R.D. Easterling. F. Alfonso Olive, about 30, of Smithfield, died in Scotland Memorial Hospital about an hour after the wreck and W. Elmon Lassiter, 56, of Smithfield, driver of the truck, died there Sunday morning.

COUNTY SHOCKED BY DEATH Five Blue Springs

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TWO OTHERS DIE ALSO

Youths Killed In

Wreck Friday p. m.



Benny McLeod

From the front page of The News-Journal, originally published July 23, 1953, showing the five boys killed in the two-vehicle accident.

it when the boys left an ice cream party at Bethel church earlier. At this time they had taken Clyde Leach, other lad of the same community, to his home. The others are said to have attended a movie in Raeford and to have been on the way home when the incident took place.

The officers concluded that the car had veered off the pavement on the right side, and then swerved across the road out of control, apparently turning over directly into the front of the truck on the shoulder on the other, or east, side of the highway. The impact was so great that the motor from the 1950 Ford was thrown almost 50 feet. The wreckage was so badly tangled that it took rescuers several hours with acetylene torches to free three of the bodies

Four of the boys were apparently killed instantly. A fifth died in an ambulance en route to Scotland Memorial Hospital. The oldest Blue boy, whose body was removed from behind the wheel of the wrecked car, was living then but was dead

on arrival at the Laurinburg hospital. Coroner James C. Lentz said yesterday that there would be no inquest, in view of the fact that no one involved in the tragedy had

At the time, The News-Journal also reported on the funeral for the young men, which was held at the church all five of their families attended. Thousands of people turned out to grieve the young lives lost TRUCK IN 7-DEATH WRECK



Originally published July 23, 1953: Shown above is the I and one-half ton truck, owned and

presumably driven by W. Elmon Lassiter of Smithfield, in which Lassiter and his companion, Alfonso Olive, were killed near here Friday night.

in the accident. As the newspaper

wrote: A throng of sorrowing friends and relatives of the five boys and their families went to Bethel Presbyterian Church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon for funeral services. The crowd is estimated to have been as high as three thousand, as the church and churchyard were filled, and cars were parked up to a quarter-mile from the church in all directions. All 5 were members of the Sunday School at Bethel and had attended a gathering there the evening before

they were killed only about a halfmile from the church.

The Rev. S.A. Ewart, pastor of the church, was unable to take part in the funeral rites because of illness. The three ministers who conducted the services were the Rev. W.B. Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, the Rev. P.O. Lee, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, and the Rev. E.D. Johnson, pastor of the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Wagram.

Pallbearers were mostly members of the Key Club of Hoke County High School.

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Originally published July 23, I 953: Shown above is the wreckage of the 1950 Ford in which five boys of Blue Springs Township lost their lives last Friday night. The picture was taken back of Raeford Auto Co.

> Robert Neill Currie, Robert Easterling and Billy Joe Clark were all buried together in the cemetery at Bethel Church. James William and John Archie Blue were buried in the old Currie family cemetery

in Blue Springs township. The boys were all residents of the Blue Springs community and lived within a three-mile radius. They attended Bethel Presbyterian Church and had all attended Hoke

County High School last year. James William Blue and John Archie Blue were the only children (See HISTORY, page 8)



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VIEWPOINTS

Uncertainty leads to stressing out, but music helps focus

October 11, 2023

As the browning of fall creeps in, mythoughtsrununcontrollablyinall kinds of directions. Each time I get near a TV, the words climate change and Ukraine and the names Biden and Trump never fail to emerge. If only for a moment, these distract my thoughts from where they need to be.

Charlotte, after years of pain from a knee, that doctors never suggested be replaced, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery next week on Tuesday. The following Saturday, I amhosting a jam session/party in my music studio that is open to anyone who wants to visit Frog Holler. This party was scheduled months before the surgery and never would have been planned for the same week.

Recovery from kneereplacement will be a long process, particularly with the health problems that Charlotte has. We will need some in home help for an undermined period of time on an undetermined schedule. This will all have to be worked out after the surgery, although we are currently lining up folks who can help us. Friends are both telling their own recovery stories and offering to help. We appreciate their concern and offers.

Having taken on the gardening responsibilities on top of the farm maintenance concerns, I am getting things organized so that things look good for the party. I have done what, hopefully, is the last round of weeding in the fading gardens and will have the place spruced up in time for the party. In spite of the fact $\,$ that folks will be basically on their own, I still have to set up tables and



make sure the facilities will support the partiers.

I have spent my entire life knowing that it is healthy to avoid too much stress and have managed to do a good job of that. In spite of being retired, I find myself stressing with all this stuff going on. Uncertainty is the culprit, and while I am not a worrier, I do like to have things planned when I can. In my current situation, it is impossible to plan to the extent I feel comfortable. It is my hope that things will level out after the surgery and the party. The farm and garden chores are winding down.

Politics, with the shutdown looming and the candidates in full Presidential election mode, only make matters worse, as this stimulates questions as to why the three-ring circus of our government seems to find time to do everything but address the real issues. Ukraine is a real issue that some are playing politics with. I have trained my mind to put these things, over which I have no control, into the back filing cabinets of information.

The plight of workers is coming into focus with the auto worker's strike. These issues collide with the need to transition to more electric vehicles. Everyone wants to have their cake and eat it too. Yes, there

will be fewer automotive jobs with the simpler electric cars, but this argument is typically short sighted. I hope the workers can recover their losses from the crises a few years back and get a fair shake. The working class needs a bigger piece of the pie, but tell that to the managers that makes millions a year.

Charlotte has often said that I love mowing on my John Deere farm tractor. I have always disputed this but realized that this mindless chore allows my brain to wander without restriction. This can be a stress reliever until the tractor gets hung up on an unseen stump or something breaks. I had a trying day last week when the stumps, a lockedup transmission and sandspurs had me adding more stress instead of relieving it. I was able to get things in hand and have only a few more hours of predictably easy tractor work to do this week.

Tonight, I am looking forward to a musical performance in Pinehurst that will capture my total attention, eliminating the intrusion of stressful thoughts. Complete concentration on the music is required during any performance. Every second must be processed and integrated into the music. This is opposite of driving the tractor, but has the same effect of clearing the mind. During and after the performance, all will the well with the world, at least for a

Hopefully, within a few days, my mind can return to its usual state of contentment.

More later.

Hoke Foodies

ADAM STOCK Contributing Writer

Tasty things this way come

Greetings fellow Foodies! This week I wanted to take a quick moment to fill you

in on great things to come and possibly a few tasty surprises.

As you are all aware, the RFC Downtown is closed and currently under renovations. The new spot will be Stewart's (or so I'm told). It's going to be a barbecue place serving tasty morsels based on the recipes and techniques of the former Fowlers Barbecue in Fayetteville. I've had the honor to sneak a peek inside at some of the upgrades and meet the family

behind the exciting new hot spot. I won't divulge any secrets, but I will tell you you're going to love what they have done with the place! Ihope the food is as good as the upgrades. They are scheduled to open next month!

Next up is Jess's Place. This country kitchen wasn't open horribly long, but due to personal reasons, Jess had to close up shop and move away. I am saddened by this news, and I do wish Jess all the best with whatever she is going through. The positive outcome is now- it's been transformed into Frank's Place!

Just as soon as I can swing by and get a full report, I will update each and every one of you personally (via the paper!)

I did have the pleasure of tracking down the Boba & Bites

Whipped up

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food truck this past weekend and got another chance to stuff myself on their cheesesteak egg rolls and a Spam Musubi (I hope I spelled that correctly). Let me tell you, a slice of spam, layered on a bed of sushi grade rice wrapped in seaweed paper... delicious. The perfect combination of salty and sweet. Look them up on Facebook and see when they are coming back out around your neighborhood. It's more than worth it!

Also on my radar are the Buck & Grill, Las Palmas, Virgil's, and maybe a couple of "hole in the wall" Mexican places that I've heard great things about.

I do want to apologize for not having a review this week, but life happens to us all, and I will be back at it next week with a review and a full belly.

A quick but hearty meal after a busy day

1 (28 oz) can petite diced toma-

2 tablespoon italian seasoning

1/2 cup finely shredded parmesan

Sliced Fresh Mozzarella or Pearls

Heat butter in a large pot over

toes, undrained

1 Jar Spaghetti sauce

pepper, to taste

bite size pieces

cheese

Instructions

1/2 cup ricotta cheese

1/2 cup heavy cream

vegetable

COMMALITHA HOLTON Contributing Writer

The temperatures are falling and soup has started calling my household. After a busy day, coming home to a quick easy hearty meal is a plus. Add some garlic bread and I'm in heaven! I have a ton of favorite soups.... Beef, Veggie, Chicken, Turkey, Seafood galore but sometimes simple is best! One of my favorite simple soups is lasagna soup. It tastes like lasagna without all the work and it comes in a bowl. Who wouldn't love this hearty meal! And another plus is that there are leftovers to eat the next day and we all know things like spaghetti and lasagna taste even better the next day!

Ingredients

2 tablespoon butter

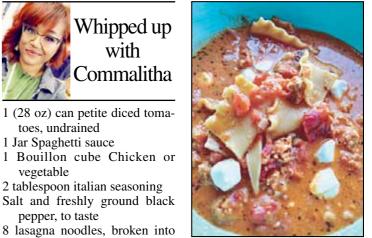
1 lb Hot Italian Sausage (Pork or Turkey/Chicken)

1 large yellow onion, diced 4 Minced garlic cloves

4 cups chicken broth, (you can add more to thin as you desire)

medium-high heat. Once hot add chopped yellow onion and saute

until it begins to soften then add in garlic and cook for about 1 to 2 minutes. Add your sausage (Note: if you're using pork sausage, cook ahead of time and drain fat. Add cooked sausage to the onion and



garlic) Cook until meat is cooked

Add in chicken broth, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, bullion cube and italian seasoning and season with salt and pepper to taste. Add broken lasagna noodles. Cook over medium heat for 10 minutes. Add Ricotta, parmesan and heavy cream, stirring thoroughly. Continue cooking over medium-low, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Soup will be done when noodles are al dente.

Enjoy and Happy Cooking!

Serve topped with fresh Moz-

Everybody needs some quiet time in their lives TERRY DOOLEY

Contributing Writer



Mondays are usually my "work-fromhome" days. It's aday of preparing for the week ahead, responding to

last week's emails and missed calls, and recovering from a very busy Sunday. This past Monday, however, found me on a journey to Hickory, NC, to visit my company's home office for a brief meeting. I began the three-hour trip home after wrapping up the meeting, hoping to attend the men's Monday Night Bible Study on time.

Many people aren't fans of long solitary road trips, but for me, they are precious moments of prayer, uninhibited singing, playing air guitar and drums, and sometimes listening to spiritual podcasts that often aid in my sermons. But most importantly, these road trips have become my "alone time with God," a practice I sometimes forget to do daily in the chaos of life. My wonderful wife, Cheri, has mastered the art of immersing in the Bible and deep prayers first thing in the morning. Unlike her, I often get caught in the whirlwind of daily tasks for work, Facebook news and gossip, and the enriching power of consuming mass amounts of coffee while still trying to wake up! I am trying to be more diligent about making God my priority first thing in the morning, but sometimes I fail (at least until the coffee kicks in.)

If you're like me, there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day. I often feel like I am trying to cram three days' worth of work into one. The more I read about Jesus, the more I realize that His life was pretty busy, too. He was always surrounded by people eager for His touch, wisdom, and healing. The lives of the disciples, too, were always busy. Mark 6:31 states, "...there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and the disciples didn't even have time to eat." Yet, Jesus recognized the importance of taking a "time out" and told his disciples to retreat to a quiet place and rest.

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In sports, 'time-outs' are crucial.

They provide much-needed breaks for the players and the chance to plan and strategize with their coach. Similarly, our spiritual journey requires such pauses. We must connect with our divine Coach, Jesus, assess our positions, and seek encouragement and guidance. Just like a coach has a plan for his team to succeed, God has the perfect plan for us as well. But how will we ever know that plan if we don't spend time with Him and follow His directions?

Life gets busy, and sometimes we forget to pause, take a time out, and connect with God. We even feel guilty for seeking 'me' time. But Jesus never felt that guilt. He took those quiet moments, not just for Himself, but for his disciples. For example, Mark 1:35 mentions, "Early in the morning, while it was still dark, He rose up and went out, and departed into a deserted place, and prayed there." Despite the pressing tasks that awaited Jesus at every corner, He never neglected the serenity of getting alone with His Fatherto pray.

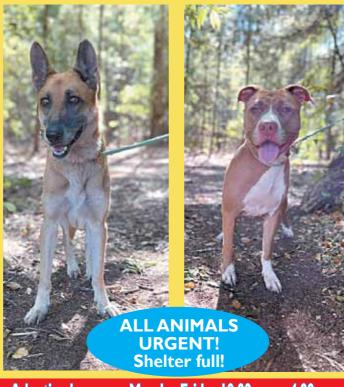
Jesus' habit of seeking solace is an invaluable lesson for us. Although prayers can be said anytime and anywhere, conversing with God has an unmatched power in times of peace and quietness. Jesus understood this and never let his responsibilities deter Him from these special moments.

My long road trips for work offer me similar opportunities to connect one-on-one with God, and I am deeply grateful for that. It gives me strength to power on through life and peace and joy to know that the very Creator of the universe yearns for these moments with me, too!

This week, I encourage you to find your 'quiet place', whether on a long drive, in a secluded corner of your home, or in the embrace of nature. Dive deep into prayer and God's word. The profound connection you develop during these moments will remind you of His amazing, boundless, and unconditional love. Always remember, Goddesires your company, not out of obligation but sheer love. So, let's rejoice in that love by giving Him moments of our undivided attention. He truly does love you!

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Beaver Tales

An historical study of the Sampson County Courthouse validates that the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina once inhabited the region

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During the 1980's there was a ton of fervor and interest in locating and identifying historical

buildings as part of the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP) programs. Alongside cultural studies completed by military installations and construction firms, these preservation projects often aided in the discovery of Indigenous habitation and sacred sites, cultural artifacts and even ancestral remains. Sites across the eastern and central parts of the state have revealed the presence of Tuscarora settlements throughout the North Carolina interior. As far inland as the lands that would become known as Sampson County, the ancestors of the Tuscarora Nation of NC could be traced, living off what the land could provide. One area in Sampson County, the old courthouse, was nominated for special protection and acknowledgement under the

NRHP in 1979 and a study was conducted to formally consider the property. By 1986 the study was completed and a summary was made available. To understand the history behind the courthouse, reviewers were required to investigate the establishment of Sampson County itself. On page 6 of the report, in the section titled, Settlement Period, the reporter discusses European colonists moving into the region. Between the 1730s and 1740s, English, Scots-Irish, and Irish settlers had begun displacing Tuscarora villages from the area. This report does establish that while many northeastern Indians were removed, or migrated away due to encroachment by settlers,

some remained. Despite colonization, assimilation, and Indian Removal, the descendants of the Tuscarora Nation survived and remained in the state. Most of the remaining Tuscarora that did not migrate to New York to join the Haudenosaunee Confederacy migrated to the swamps of Robeson County and resisted settler encroachment until the present-day. The Indians that remained in Sampson County identify as Coharie and claim to be descendants of the Neusiok tribe, historical allies of the Tuscarora that also

fought in the Tuscarora Wars. Often, the Coharie directly identify as descendants of the Tuscarora to make their claims for tribal acknowledgment. However, before their modern recognition, the Coharie identified as the Croatan Indians of Sampson County to make claims for separate Indian schools. By doing so, the Coharie dismissed and ignored any connection or relevance to Tuscarora ancestry or Tuscarora origins. Newspapers from the early 1900s report that the Croatan Indians claimed to be descendants of the Lost

Colonists that sided with the English settlers who waged war on the Tuscaroras during the 18th century. This can be seen with the Haliwa-Saponi before their state recognition in 1965, as their communities organized under the name "Haliwarnash Croatan Indian Club" just two decades prior. The history of Sampson County clarifies that the Tuscarora Nation once occupied the area and was forced out by English settlers who allied with the ancient rivals of the Tuscarora, the Croatan. Highlighting this historical relationship would allow the public to better understand Sampson County, and its relationship with the Tuscarora Nation.

Courthouse

(Continued from page 1)

"I understand if you've got to put walkways through there, I understand if they come in and there's some particular things with the building that you have to have some things, I understand that, but I think that they could come back to the board and explain that to us. I'd like to put it in the form of a motion that they don't destroy it without coming back to the board and that they move the fence behind the shrubbery,"

he said. Wright also requested that county board vote to have the companies working on the project move the fencing further back, so as not to impede people from using the sidewalk that runs between the street and the site. The fencing had been placed in such a way that people could no longer access the sidewalk, Wright pointed out.

"I think it's unacceptable for the citizens of Hoke County that they can't walk down the street there, the walkway. I know to start with they had the fire hydrant covered, but they changed that, but it's still not acceptable," he said.

Commissioner Harry Southerland said in comments that he supported Wright's proposal.

"As we continue to grow downtown, we want to make sure our citizens still have access to downtown, so I support this motion and I second that motion,"

he said. County Manager Letitia Edens said she would reach out to the construction companies to inform

them about the decision. Work is still in the early stages of the project, which will build a new multi-story courthouse and county admin building on the site. The county received an additional \$5 million in state funding that will go toward the project, along with about \$31 million the county previously received in grant funding for a new courthouse.

The county has not yet announced a date for an official groundbreaking ceremony at the site. Based on previous discussion, the county commissioners could potentially host a groundbreaking sometime in November.

History of the project

The county began pursuing building a new courthouse in 2019, the same year Senior Resident Superior Court Judge James Webb wrote a letter for commissioners to "plan for the construction and completion of an adequate new Hoke County judicial complex no later than the end of 2021."

Christine Villaverde, continuity of operations coordinator for the human resources division of the North Carolina Judicial Branch, wrote at the time that the courthouse was "falling short of all expectations." Inspection reports noted issues such as water damage and "daisy-chained" surge protectors and extension cords due to a lack of electrical outlets. Other hazards included a lack of emergency evacuation planning in the event of a fire, and problems with vermin in parts of the building, according to the inspection reports. At the time, the county worked to make improvements to the historic courthouse.

Work on the project to build a new courthouse temporarily stalled in 2020 due to the CO-VID-19 pandemic, but got underway in 2021 when the county selected Silling Architects to complete the design work. That year, the county got \$31 million in funds from the state to pay for the project.

The original courthouse was designed by Milburn, Heister & Company of Washington, D.C. and built in 1911 by J.A. Jones of Charlotte. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

The historic courthouse likely won't be used for court proceedings anymore but the county could use it for other purposes, officials have discussed.

Historic Hoke

Military history tied to Hoke County

Andrew Diemer Contributing Writer

Editor's note: Today we welcome new column writer Andrew Diemer to The News-Journal. Look for his column Historic Hoke to appear on our Viewpoints page in future issues.

There is an often used saying, "Those that do not study history are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past," and it is one that I wholeheartedly agree with. Yet, oftentimes, the history we study are "big picture" issues. We discuss the histories of big battles, big legal verdicts, big political choices, so much so that we miss the smaller scale histories.

Histories, that more often than not, had a greater impact on local customs, beliefs and legends, than any of the "big" historical moments that are debated and analyzed to no end. It is those smaller stories that this series will be covering: the forgotten history of Hoke County. I will begin with the military history that occurred in Hoke and then I plan on expanding my research and writings to Hoke histories outside of the lens

of military context. First, a brief history of just how I personally became fascinated with the local histories. My father spent 32 years in the military, and during the course of his career he was stationed in Carlisle, Pennsylvania to attend the Army War College located there. It was through my father's time at the War College that my personal interest in the subject

would first take root. My father invited me along for a "staff ride" (a military-themed in depth tour and analyzation of the battle) with the stipulation that I must first read the historical novel "Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara, which I not only did, but I took to the study of the Civil War like a fish to water. For this I will be eternally grateful, though the poor park ranger guiding the tour likely was not so grateful for the 10-year-old tag along who couldn't keep his mouth shut and kept adding details that he believed the ranger had "missed or overlooked."

Since that day I have become fascinated by American military history. I began hiking battlefields and historic sites all over the nation, yet I quickly ran out of local sites to explore until one day I spotted an overgrown forgotten cemetery and decided to push my way through the brush to investigate. This sparked my fascination with smaller scale forgotten local history and that fascination soon fused with my previous American military historical interests, culminating in the column you are currently reading!

And while this first issue is more of an introduction, I would be remiss to not briefly discuss a little bit of Hoke History here. So without further ado, let me introduce you to Hoke County's largest and best marked/preserved battlefields, of the Battle of Monroe's Crossroads.

The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads is an interesting study in how a historic event, be it a battle, speech, verdict, etc., can be insignificant in its own time, only to grow in importance and stature long after those who witnessed it were dead and gone. Occurring late in the American Civil War on March 10, 1865, the battle itself was a minor affair, with little to no impact on the course of the war. The battle saw the Confederate Cavalry under the Command of Generals Wade

Hampton and Joseph Wheeler launch a dawn assault on the Union camp of General Judson Kilpatrick's Cavalry division.

The battle was a confusion of attacks and counterattacks with the Confederates eventually withdrawing, inflicting heavier casualties on their opponents, yet accomplishing little else. In fact my research indicates that the only true result of this fight was that the Union Cavalry would be delayed for a single day before being able to take the city of Fayetteville and destroy its weapons manufacturing capabilities.

So with all that being said, why would this inconclusive fight be the ONE battle that occurred in what is now Hoke County, that has received any signage significant of preserva tion? There are 3 reasons: location, location and location. Today the battlefield resides smack-dab in the middle of the Fort Liberty (Bragg) Military Reservation. And it is this location on U.S. government property with restricted access that has allowed the Monroe's Crossroads Battlefield to become one of, if not the best, preserved battlefields in the United States.

The military has even taken steps to place markers and monuments on this lightly visited battlefield, something unheard of for any of the other numerous battles to be fought in what is now Hoke County. While I am grateful to the military for shedding light on and preserving this battlefield, I do think that it is time for Monroe's Crossroads's limelight to be shared. My next article will discuss a conflict that, unlike Monroe's Crossroads, impact on local history: The Tory War of 1781.

White Oak (Continued from page 1) Beginning in the 1990s, Mc-The White Oak School existed in Hoke County before it was a county. People in the area really believed that education could help

was what inspired her, initially. "I think it just inspired me to do something to preserve the history of the school," she said.

youth bring about a better life and

future, McNeill said. Learning

about the school's past while do-

ing research about church history

The three-room schoolhouse didn't have central heating or air, just a stove for warmth that the teacher would stoke on cold mornings, but it was the place that many youth in Hoke County started their education journey in the years before public schools became integrated.

Teachers at White Oak School taught children in grades 1-7. The school continued operating until 1960, when the county constructed Scurlock Elementary and opened its doors.

Though it's been closed now for over 60 years, some of the White Oak School students remain in the community, and McNeill is one of them.

Neill worked to launch the White Oak School Community Project Inc., a nonprofit that provides scholarships for youth in Hoke County Schools, continuing the legacy of White Oak's educators, staff and students. She reorganized the group in 2013, and spent 10 years working on fundraising for the project ever since. When the opportunity came

to secure the scholarship in the White Oak School name in perpetuity, she made one more big push to get the remaining funds needed to cover the \$40,000 required to establish the scholarship through The Hoke County Board of

Education voted at a meeting in September to give its stamp of approval to the project. The nonprofit partners with Hoke County Schools and the first round of the selection process takes place within the school system, according to McNeill. The scholarship application process is open to all students, with the student's need and other criteria considered during the process.

More information is available

on the application form. The annual application process takes place in March each year, with applications available at Hoke High and SandHoke Early College. Students should speak to their guidance counselor about financial aid opportunities.

Over the past 10 years, the project has been able to award over \$10,000 in scholarships to Hoke County students. Last year the recipients from the Class of 2022 were Samantha A. Kidder and Jaheim Singletary. Previous recipients since 2014 include Jada Alexis Jones, Brittany Renee Anderson, Michael Q. Edmonds, Taylor Wilson, Zandea Nicole Hasty, Keeon Roper, Jerome Russell, Zaria Edens and Aki Morehead.

"It's history, that's what I really wanted (preserved)," McNeill said.

McNeill cited Jake Pope of the NCCF, and Hoke County Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell for helping with the final stages of the project, along with the many donors - whether they gave \$5 or \$1,000, to make it happen.

First annual Mustang Trot 5K is Nov. 18

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Rose Hedgpeth

The J.W. McLauchlin Mustangs are proud to present their very first "Mustang Trot 5k" on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

The Mustang Running Club will host this event at the school on 326 North Main Street in Raeford. Runners, walkers, strollers, and leashed pets are welcome!

The race will begin promptly at 9 a.m. The Mustangs are requesting for all participants to arrive no later than 8:45am. Participants will start and finish their race in the school parking lot, with the 3.1-mile route taking them throughout beautiful downtown Raeford.

Registration for this event costs only \$10 per runner/walker. Children in strollers and leashed pets are free. Registration can be done online by visiting the school's website or by visiting the front office between the hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

At J.W. McLauchlin Elementary, our mission is to grow lifelong learners by providing solid foundations upon which academic, behavioral and emotional growth can occur. Positive relationships and collaboration exist between the school, home and community to ensure that our students will become productive citizens and future leaders.

The Mustang Running Club consists of various students and staff members who have worked on achieving 3.1 miles over the course of several months. We hope to see our community come together to raise money for our growing school!

NOTICE: In order to keep our has largely been forgotten and Special Worship up-to-date we are unmarked in spite of its massive adding an expiration date to the

High School Class of 1973 is planning their Golden Anniversary (50 years of having graduated from high school).

1973 — The Hoke County to all Class of '73 classmates. The committee is in the brainstorming session and all ideas are welcomed. All Class of '73 classmates are welcome to join

Class Reunions at 910-273-1863.

1977 — Hoke County High School Class of 1977 will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at Virgil's Drive-In. Any interested classmate may call James Quick following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our listings after the expiration date, please call (875-2121), fax (875-7256) or email (robin@ thenews-journal.com) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

The Raeford United Methodist Church Preschool has openings in the 3- and 4-year-old preschool classes. If interested, contact Karen Tapp for more information at 910-875-1772. (expires November 2023) Word of Life Temple, Inc.

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Service 11 a.m. and on Facebook (expires November 2023)

Hope in Jesus (Present Truth) Ministries

Sabbath (Saturday) 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Wednesday 3 - 4:15 p.m.

Hoke County Schools Prayer

Circle. Continue to pray for your schools. Churches, contact schools to see what you can do to help. (expires October 2023)

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/



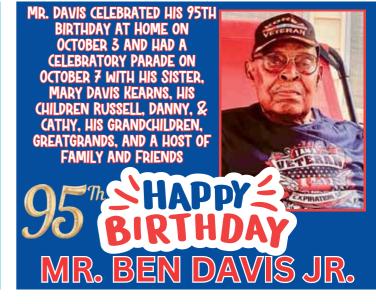
SHIIP OPEN ENROLLMENT **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D starts October 15th until December 7th, 2023.

All seniors with Medicare Insurance are encouraged to

come out and ask questions and check your benefits and cost of your health plan which can change each year. The SHIIP office is located at **Hoke County Senior Services at** 423 East Central Ave. Raeford, NC. Call for an appointment at 910-875-8588





Health Department offers WIC, breastfeeding help

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COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT The Hoke County Health Department is championing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to raise awareness about the significance of breastfeeding for both mothers and infants. As the department continues its commitment to improving the health and well-being of the community, they highlight the vital role of WIC in supporting and promoting breastfeeding practices.

WIC, a federal assistance program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), provides essential nutrition resources to low-income pregnant women, new mothers,

aims to safeguard the health of these vulnerable populations by offering nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to other healthcare services.

Breastfeeding is widely recognized as the optimal source of infant nutrition, providing various health benefits. The Hoke County Health Department encourages new mothers to embrace this natural and nurturing practice, as breast milk is designed to meet their baby's unique nutritional needs. Not only does breastfeeding offer essential nutrients and antibodies, but it also helps protect infants against illnesses, such as respiratory and gastrointestinal infections. It reduces the risk of childhood obesity, diabetes, and

feeding promotes optimal cognitive development in infants and enhances their immune system response. Moreover, breastfeeding benefits mothers by aiding postpartum recovery, reducing the risk of certain cancers, and fostering a strong emotional bond with their children.

Recognizing the importance of breastfeeding, the WIC program is pivotal in supporting mothers who choose to breastfeed. WIC provides breastfeeding counseling, education, and assistance to help mothers overcome potential challenges, such as latch difficulties, low milk supply, or public breastfeeding concerns. The program also offers breast pumps and encourages workplaces to provide breastfeeding accommodations, ensuring mothers can continue breastfeeding even after

foods include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy products, and protein-rich sources, ensuring that

the mother's and child's nutritional needs are met during critical stages of growth and development.

The Hoke County Health Department urges all eligible women and families to explore the benefits of the WIC program, emphasizing that no one should feel alone in their breastfeeding journey. By embracing this natural and beautiful bond between mother and child, we can collectively nurture a healthier future for our community.

Remember, breastfeeding is more than just food—it's a gift of love and lifelong health for your child. Let us support you in this incredible journey.

Studies have shown that breastand young children. The program Spectrum announces launch of fiber-optic network in Hoke

Spectrum today announced investment is making it possible to the launch of Spectrum Internet, Mobile, TV and Voice services to 265 homes and small businesses in

Spectrum's newly constructed fiber-optic network buildout in Hoke County is part of the company's approximately \$5 billion Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)-related investment in unserved rural communities, which includes \$1 billion won in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) RDOF auction. The company's RDOF expansion will provide broadband access to approximately one million customer locations as estimated by the FCC across 24 states in the

"Spectrum is bringing gigabit broadband to unserved communities across America through RDOF," Tim Williams, Vice President of Construction at Spectrum, said in a statement. "Our

deliver the high-value broadband, mobile, TV and voice services now available in Hoke County. We are providing local residents and small businesses superior connectivity at highly competitive prices, backed by a team of skilled local technicians and U.S.-based customer service.

North Carolina State Rep. Garland Pierce, who represents Hoke County in the N.C. House of Representatives, said the service would help "fill the connectivity gap."

'Many rural communities often fall behind when it comes to internet availability, and communities in my district have experienced this first-hand," Pierce said in a statement. "Spectrum's partnership and broadband exresidents. Now business, school

and residents will be able to fill the connectivity gap that has been missing for so long."

Spectrum Internet delivers speeds up to 1 Gbps and Advanced WiFi for both residential customers and small business clients, featuring starting speeds of 300 Mbps, with no modem fees, data caps or contracts. Spectrum Business Internet offers its clients plans with starting download speeds of 300 Mbps, with 600 Mbps and 1 Gbps options.

Local residents and business owners should visit spectrumruralexpansion.com to learn more about when their home or business may be able to receive Spectrum services.

Spectrum is a suite of advanced communications services offered by Charter Communications, Inc. a leading broadband connectivity

(Submitted by Spectrum Internet)

Local programs join forces on overdose awareness

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returning to work or school.

In addition to breastfeeding sup-

port, WIC offers a variety of nutri-

tious foods to supplement the diets

of pregnant women, breastfeeding

mothers, and young children. These

HEALTH DEPARTMENT The Hoke County Health Department and the Tia Hart Community Recovery Organization recently joined forces to raise awareness about International Overdose Awareness Day.

Despite a rescheduling due to inclement weather, the event held on September 25 proved to be an informative and impactful gathering for the community, organizers said.

The event featured a guest speaker series that included notable figures such as Rep. Garland Pierce, Hoke County Sheriff Roderick Virgil, LuEvelyn Tillman from Greater Vision Counseling and Sharon Hunt from Community Organized Relief Efforts (CORE). Each speaker brought a unique perspective, emphasizing raising awareness about opioid overdose prevention and supporting those affected.

One of the pivotal aspects of the event was the distribution of Narcan to all participants. Narcan, also known as naloxone, is a lifesaving medication that can reverse the effects of opioid overdoses.



The Health Department and Tia Hart Recovery Center hosted the Overdose Awareness Day. (Submitted photo)

This initiative aimed to put this critical tool in the hands of community members who might be able to help someone in need.

Additionally, the event offered naloxone training to those who were interested. This hands-on training equipped attendees with the knowledge and skills to administer naloxone effectively, increasing the chances of saving lives during opioid-related emergencies.

The opioid crisis continues to affect communities nationwide, and events like this play a crucial role in combating the devastating effects of addiction. The Hoke County Health Department and Tia Hart Community Recovery Organization are making strides toward a safer and healthier future for all by raising awareness, providing life-saving resources, and fostering a sense of community.

Shirley Hart, founder of Tia Hart Community Recovery Organization, expressed her gratitude for the partnership.

"Working with the Hoke County Health Department to raise awareness about overdose prevention has been an incredible experience. Our communities need support now more than ever, and by joining forces, we are making a real difference," she said in a statement.

with trafficking fentanyl Two charged pansion through RDOF will help company and cable operator serving close the digital divide once and more than 32 million customers in Authorities with the Hoke deliver a Schedule II controlled A search of the vehicle resulted for all for many of our unserved 41 states.

County Sheriff's Office have arrested two people following a traffic stop that turned up suspected fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine and psychedelic mushrooms.

Officers with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime Task Force arrested Dennis Larell Maynor, 32, of the 6100 block of Independence Place in Fayetteville, and Chazmine Tyree Sherrod, 29, of the 700 block of Old Wilmington Road in Fayetteville on charges including two counts of trafficking a Schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to sell or substance (meth), possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The Hoke County Sheriff's

Office Violent Crime Task Force

conducted a traffic stop Friday,

October 6 in the parking lot of the

gas station located at Fayetteville Road and Wayside Road. Hoke County Sheriff's Office Special Operations were in the area and went to assist, according to a press release. were identified as Dennis Larell

"The occupants of the vehicle Maynor and Chazmine Tyree Sherrod. A canine went around the vehicle and gave a positive alert. in 76 grams of suspected fentanyl being located. Detectives also located a 9mm firearm, six (6) grams suspected cocaine, five (5) grams of suspected methamphetamine, a pack of psychedelic mushrooms and items of paraphernalia. All items were found in a common area of the vehicle," according to the press release from the sheriff's office.

Investigators determined Maynor and Sherrod had previously been convicted of a felony. They were arrested at the scene and taken to the Hoke County Detention Center. Maynor and Sherrod were held under \$100,000 secured bonds.

Carolina Horse Park fundraiser 'Casino Royale' is Friday and accessories from local shops,

The Carolina Horse Park Foundation in Hoke County is celebrating its 25th anniversary and will hold its "Casino Royale" fundraiser event this Friday, October 13 from 6-10 p.m. at Village Pine Venue in Carthage.

Supporters can try their hand at roulette, craps, blackjack and poker. Attendees can enjoy a night of silent and live auctions, a link to purchase tickets. hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Auction items include trip packages, Fairfax & Favor Windsor and Mini-Windsor handbags, a Bourbon Boys basket, clothing

Festival

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tournament closed earlier this week,

with golfers set to enjoy lunch at 11

a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Bingo Day will be Wednesday,

October 18 at the Raeford Civic

Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Over

100 seniors signed up and there is

a waiting list for people hoping for

cancellations. The event is named in

honor of the late Melissa Pittman,

Parade will take place Thursday,

October 19 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The parade will feature floats from

The North Carolina Fall Festival

longtime Festival director.

The annual Melissa Kaye Senior

photo packages, a spaday, football tickets and much more.

Tickets are \$85 for a single guest, \$150 for two tickets, with other options available for larger parties. Each guest receives \$10,000 in chips at the entrance. Tickets are available online. Visit https://carolinahorsepark.comfor

The auction raises mon the park, located in Five Points in Hoke County.

The Carolina Horse Park Foundation is a nationally-recognized

Hoke County schools, local busi-

nesses, nonprofit groups, as well as

carclubs, sports teams and more. The

Hoke High School Mighty March-

ing Bucks will perform. The parade

will begin at the high school and go

down Harris Avenue, onto Main

Street, then left on West Donaldson

Avenue to Bethel Road, and back to

from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Octo-

ber 21 on Main Street in Raeford.

The big day will start with an opening

ceremony at 9 a.m. at the main stage,

located beside the Chamber of Com-

merce office at the corner of Main

The street fair downtown will be

the high school.

equestrian competition venue that was founded in 1998. The 501c3 not-for-profit organization hosts many equestrian events throughout the year, drawing riders to Hoke County who strive at high levels of competition. Even former Olympians have been among the competitors. Besides horse trials, the Park hosts agricultural and other fun outdoor activities.

Visit http://www.carolinahorsepark.com for more on the Carolina Horse Park's upcoming events. The park is located at 2814 Montrose Road.

Street and East Central Avenue. The

event will feature scores of vendors

selling everything from home décor

to jewelry and apparel. This year, all

of the food vendors will be located

on two stages, the main stage beside

the Chamber of Commerce, and

the stage next to the Hoke County

The News-Journal for full details on

the event schedule, information on

vendors and performers, and more

about the 2023 North Carolina Fall

See inside this week's issue of

There will be live entertainment

in the area behind PNC Bank.

Public Library.

City

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"Some of this money is also going to be set aside for some sewer connections in Cameron Heights," Baxley said.

A member of the community had sought assistance from the state to help pay for the connections. The sewer service is already there but some lines may need extending, the city manager said.

"She went to Raleigh and petitioned to get some money and we agreed to oversee the project for her," he said.

The funds come to the city through the Department of Environmental Quality.

Other projects

Now that the Raeford City Council has the parks master plan in place, the next step will be to tackle the improvements and ad-

ditions at the city's park facilities according to the priority ranking of four projects recommended by the plan.

I talked with the engineers today and we'll meet probably the first of November and start putting together a project and applying for funding, probably from the parks and recreation trust fund," Baxley said.

In other local projects, the city also recently agreed to buy a former parking lot from the House of Raeford, in order to expand the Raeford Cemetery. The council met in a special called session at 8 a.m. Friday, September 15 to consider the option. The council members heard a brief update on the matter from City Manager Dennis Baxley before voting unanimously to buy the land.

The parking lot is about 3.26 acres. The House of Raeford put the property up for sale through bids at Iron Horse Auction. The city made the winning bid of \$154,150 on September 12, according to the contract for purchase.

The purchase also included a 10 percent buyer's premium, bringing the total final sales price to \$169,565. The land's most recent assessed tax value was \$215,520, according to the property tax card on the county's GIS. The total value including the building on the property was assessed at \$339,140, based on the tax card record.

The contract included time for the city to conduct due diligence work regarding the site.

That work is underway now, Baxley reported this week.

'We're waiting to get the phase one back and to actually do the loan closing," he said.



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Haunting Tales from The News-Journal Archives





Bones believed Cameron's were found in this area on Cameron farm ... Excavation was filled after the search was completed. Cameron's home is in the background. (Photo from 1979)

Bones believed to be Cameron's found; widow dies of apparent self-inflicted wound

Originally published by The News-Journal December 20, 1979

Mrs. Winnie McNeill Cameron. 69, was found dead Friday of a gunshot wound apparently self inflicted. The day after investigators reported bones believed those of her husband, Edward Leon Cameron. missing 35 years, had been found buried near the Cameron home in Timberland. Hoke County Sheriff David Barrington reported a note

written by Mrs. Cameron said she had killed her husband. He declined to say what else the note contained. The sheriff said the investigation was continuing. The Camerons' son, Edward Leon Cameron. Jr.. of Warren Township, N.J., and a friend of the family, Joe McLeod, a Fayetteville attorney, flying in a borrowed airplane, discovered Mrs. Cameron's car on the Cameron farm. Barrington found the body about 50 feet from the car in woods near the

edge of the property. He said she had been shot in the chest with a .32 caliber, six-shot revolver, which was still in her hand, and no other wounds were found on her body. Her son and McLeod started searching for her Friday afternoon after they $failed \, to \, find \, Mrs. \, Cameron \, at \, home \,$ and noticed that a gun was missing from the house.

Areporter for The News-Journal had failed to get a response to his knock on the door of the farmhouse Friday morning and saw no one nor a vehicle on the grounds when he walked around the side of the house to see whether Mrs. Cameron was out?

He had gone to the Cameron home to get pictures of the area where the digging for the bones had been done and of the farm house and to see whether Mrs. Cameron would comment on the news stories published Thursday and Friday about the search for her missing husband.

The bones were found in the place where a privy once stood, east of the house in digging with a backhoe by an operator, both from Crumpler Funeral Home Wednesday and Thursday morning. Some were found each day, the sheriff said. The search for the remains of the missing man was started by the sheriff after the FBI in Florida relayed to the sheriff's department Oct. 25 information provided by the Camerons' oldest child, Mrs Annie Blue Cameron Perry of Orlando, Fla., who requested it to be given to Hoke County authorities. The elder Cameron was last seen the night of April 8, 1944, the night before Easter. A search warrant obtained by the sheriff provides this information. Mrs. Perry remembered seeing her father's body on a bedroom floor and her mother in the kitchen with pots and pans of bloody water in the sink, on Easter morning. Mrs. Perry was 10 years old then. The following week after returning from school one day, the child saw her father's face, when she looked into a hole in the outhouse. Mrs. Perry talked to investigators after calling during psychoanalysis memories of her father's death, memories which had been repressed, the sheriff said. The Camerons had an argument the night of April 8. On Easter morning. Mrs. Perry asked her mother where her father was. and her mother replied that he had left: During that day. Mrs. Perry saw her mother go into the unused front bedroom several times. After Mrs. Cameron left the house. Mrs. Perry opened the bedroom door. She saw her father's body about five feet from her and he appeared to be dead. That night, while Mrs.

Perry was in bed, she heard sounds of

movement in the backyard and saw

a large cardboard box on the back porch. Barrington said Mrs. Perry was hypnotized at one point during the investigation to be sure that no other information was being hidden inadvertently in her subconscious. The hypnosis was effected by State Sen. Joe B. Raynor of Fayetteville, whose work has helped investigations of previous criminal cases elsewhere. The sheriff also said that the therapy Mrs. Perry received in Florida recently has enabled her to face the childhood memories and the emotions she had suffered from her father's death. He said Mrs. Perry came to Hoke County from Orlando and helped the investigators. She is a member of the faculty of Valencia Community College of Orlando. Dr. John Butts, deputy state chief medical examiner, said Friday night the chief medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill as early as that time had established a presumption that the bones were those of Cameron. He said an analysis revealed that the

body had been chopped up or cut up. On order of Dr. Robert Townsend, a Hoke County medical examiner, Mrs. Cameron's body also was sent to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy to' determine scientifically the cause of Mrs. Cameron's death. Found with the bones at the sit; of the old outhouse were part of a billfold and the picture of an unidentified woman encased in a plastic frame. Barrington said Monday the motive for the killing has not been determined. He also said the back of the woman's picture found in the search bore the name Kate McD. King. He said she was an aunt of Mrs. Cameron. "McD." is an abbreviation of "McDiarmid."

In reference to the quarreling between Cameron and his wife Aug. 8, the sheriff quoted Mrs. Perry as saying she heard them arguing in Raeford and then again, after she went to bed, in the house, but she was unable to make out the words.

Digging was done under the supervision of Hoke sheriff's officers, SBI Agent Wade Anders, and Dr. Page Hudson, state chief medical examiner.

The 1944 story follows in full. * * * No word has been received of E. Leon Cameron, prominent and popular Hoke County farmer, who disappeared from his home at Timberland about two o'clock in the morning the night of Saturday, April 8. Members of his family are at a

complete loss to explain his action. He, with his family, had been in Raeford Saturday night and on returning home he posted his farm books up to date and then, without a word to anyone, stepped out the back door. It was said that while he may have had about \$40 in his person, he did not take his pocketbook and probably had no papers with him by which he might be identified, having left his driving license and other papers in his wallet which was found in some work clothing worn during the afternoon.

Apparently there were no money worries, as in the past few years he had cleared the title of his farm lands and had a substantial balance of money and War Bonds in the local bank. He was not dressed as if he planned to go on a trip and did not leave in his car which was there in the yard. Officers have checked the various means and routes by which he might have left and no regular bus or taxi from this section has been found to have taken on a passenger in that section who meets the description of Mr. Cameron.

Loss of memory or possibly foul play are feared to have been the cause of his disappearance, though no evidence of the latter has been found and no reason for it can be advanced by persons best acquainted with him. County and State authorities have been given descriptions and a general search is being conducted throughout the Carolinas and Virginia.

He is described as being five feet even inches in height, weighs about 150 pounds, ruddy complexion and 34 years of age. When last seen he was wearing his work clothes.

Cameron's brother, the late John B. Cameron served for many years as clerk of Hoke County Superior Court.

Delay In Getting Data Cited By Hoke Sheriff Mrs. Annie Blue Cameron

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Perry authorized the FBI last March to give the Hoke County Sheriff's Department information concerning the death of her father, James Leon Cameron, 35 years ago. But the federal agency didn't relay it till Oct. 25. Hoke Sheriff David Barrington is quoted by The News & Observer of Raleigh as saying last week. Barrington told The News-Journal Monday, however, he was not upset by the delay because seven months more, after 35 years, didn't make much difference. The newspaper article published last week quotes Barrington also as saying the FBI report also contained a mistake. The seven-month delay and the error combined served to delay the start of the investigation by the Hoke sheriff's department and the SBI that led to the discovery of bones apparently those of Cameron, who reportedly walked away from his farm home in Timberland during the night of April 8, 1944. The sheriff said Mrs. Perry, who lives in Orlando, Fla., told the FBI Board a year ago of her childhood memories of seeing her father's body on the floor of a bedroom in the Cameron home and of seeing his face in the outhouse later but didn't authorize its relay to Hoke County till three months later. The FBI offices in Charlotte and Florida said they couldn't explain the delay. One mistake in the FBI report was Mrs. Perry's home was in Tallahassee, Fla., instead of Orlando. This caused a delay in the start of the investigation in addition to the seven-months delay in transmitting the report. Mrs. Perry later led the investigators to the place where the outhouse had stood. Cameron's wife, Mrs. Winnie McNeill Cameron, continued living in the farm home til her death Friday, the day after a report said the bones had been found. She was found dead on the farm of a bullet wound apparently self-inflicted, and a note she had written said she had killed Cameron, the sheriff has reported. The sheriff was among the people who attended the graveside services held Monday afternoon in Raeford Cemetery.

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(Continued from page 3) of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Blue, who

survive them. Billy Joe Clark was the son of Mrs. Maude V. Clark and the late Luther Clark. In addition to his mother he is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Alton Bounds, Red Springs, RFD, Mrs. H.G. West, Salisbury, Mrs. Harold Beach, Lenoir, Mrs. Carl LoDolce, Robchester, N.Y., Mrs. Odell Ashburn, Red Springs, RFD, Mrs. Robert Huff, Salisbury; five brothers, Archie and Luther W. of Raeford, Route1, John P. or Morganton, Douglas of Wagram and Glenn of the home.

Robert Neill Currie is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Currie; two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Odom and Mrs. Sarah Currie Blue, four brothers, Irving of Raeford, Frank of Fayetteville, Eugene of Red Springs and Davis of the

Robert Easterling is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Easterling; one brother, James Easterling of Raeford; one sister, Mrs. E.B. Hart of Jacksonville,

The James C. Lentz Mortuary of Raeford was in charge of funeral arrangements, with additional hearses being furnished by funeral homes

October 11, 2023

At the time, there was an outpouring of sympathy for the families and friends of the youth

This community was shocked by the tragic news of the terrible

recipients of the award, the trophy itself was apparently known as the "James William Blue Memorial Cup." At present, the president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club is in possession of the trophy.

That wasn't the only memorial meant to honor the boys. In July 1954, Bethel Presbyterian Church received a new Jesse French piano, presented to the church by the Pioneer Fellowship, in memory of the five youth. The piano was dedicated in their honor at 8 p.m. Sunday, August 1, 1954. The Pioneer Fellowship raised money for the piano through contributions and other ways, the newspaper reported. All five of the boys were members

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF **JUSTICE** SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 23 SP 100 IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF THE DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED

GUY A. TAYLOR and **CATHERINE M. TAYLOR** married, Recorded in Book 528, Page 75, **Hoke County Registry** DEED OF TRUST BEING FORECLOSED:

The Deed of Trust being foreclosed is that Deed of Trust executed by GUY A. TAYLOR and CATHERINE M. TAYLOR married to Craig A. Williamson, Trustee, dated November 14, 2002 and recorded in Book 528, Page 75 in the Hoke County Registry of North Carolina.

RECORD OWNERS OF THE REAL PROPERTY:

The record owner(s) of the subject real property as reflected on the records of the Hoke County Register of Deeds not more than 10 days prior to the posting of this Notice is or are Heirs of Catherine M. Taylor.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF

The sale will be held on October 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the door of the Hoke County Courthouse, Raeford, North Carolina.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:

The following real property to be sold "sight unseen" together with any improvements is located in Hoke County, North Carolina and is believed to have the address of 204 Bowers Rd, Raeford, NC 28376 and is otherwise more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Lot 13 in a subdivision known as PROPERTY OF UPCHURCH MILLING AND STORAGE COMPANY, SEAFORD TRACT SUBDIVISION, according to a plat of same duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 2-20, Map 3, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Included is a 1998 Fleetwood manufactured home bearing serial no. VALFW19A, VALFW19B.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. §45-21.10(b) and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Trustee or Clerk of Superior Court immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit to be determined by the greater of 5% of the bid or \$750.00. Unless the Substitute Trustee agrees otherwise, the successful bidder will be required to tender the "full purchase price' so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders to him a Deed to the property or attempts to tender such Deed, and should the successful bidder fail to pay the full amount, then the successful bidder shall remain liable as provided for in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30. By submitting your bid, you agree that the "full purchase price" shall be defined as the amount of bid plus the Trustee's commission as defined in the subject Deed of Trust plus the costs of the action, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise. For example, if the amount of bid is \$20,000.00 and the trustee's commission is defined in the subject Deed of Trust as 5% of the gross proceeds of the sale, then the "full purchase price" shall equal \$21,000.00 plus the costs of the action. A tender of Deed shall be defined as a letter from the Trustee to the successful bidder offering to record the Deed upon receipt of full purchase price as described herein and listed in said letter. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason such as a bankruptcy filing, the sole remedy of the successful bidder is the return of the deposit. As to any manufactured home, the following shall apply: Any not considered real property is being foreclosed pursuant to N.C.G.S. §25-9-604, if necessary; there is no warranty that any is actually located on the subject tract; and there is no warranty given by the Substitute Trustee as to whether said home is real property or

personal property. The sale will be

made subject to all prior liens, unpaid

taxes, assessments, restrictions and

of neighboring towns.

killed in the accident.

wreck at Bethel and hereby extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents," Mrs. A.A. McInnis wrote to the newspaper. In later issues of the News-Journal where writers recorded the

of the Bethel Presbyterian Sunday

easements of record, if any.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE: Take notice that an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Take further notice that any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement 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 no more than 90 days, after the sale dates contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. This notice further states that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This the 15th day of August, 2023. THE GREEN LAW FIRM, P.C. Jay B. Green

Attorneys for The Green Law Firm, , Substitute Trustee

908 E. Edenton Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Telephone: 919-829-0797 Facsimile: 919-829-0799

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 20 SP 67

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Allante D. Jackson (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Allante D. Jackson) to H. Terry Hutchens, Trustee(s), dated October 12, 2017, and recorded in Book No. 1208, at Page 1008 in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note 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 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 Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 10:00 AM on October 26, 2023 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in Raeford in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as

BEING all of Lot 296, in a subdivision known as Wedgefield Subdivision, Phase II-B, and the same being duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 4-90, Map 7, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 381 Wexford Street, Raeford, North Carolina.

Parcel ID: 4966-01-01-292 Property Address: 381 Wexford Street, Raeford, NC 28376

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S.

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 N.C.G.S. §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 are expressly 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 its sole discretion, if it believes 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 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

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Firm Case No: 2806 - 6718

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.: 23 CVD 707

COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina,

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF OLIVER MCGREGOR, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of OLIVER MCGREGOR:

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF LOUISE P. MCGREGOR, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of LOUISE P. MCGREGOR:

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF RONALD MCGREGOR HENRY, including all unknown heirs, devisees legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of RONALD MCGREGOR HENRY; Defendants

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF OLIVER MCGREGOR, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of OLIVER MCGREGOR; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF LOUISE P. MCGREGOR, including all unknown heirs, devisees. legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of LOUISE P. MCGREGOR; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF RONALD MCGREGOR HENRY, including all unknown heirs, devisees legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of RONALD MCGREGOR HENRY;

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 147 Page 599, Hoke County North Carolina, which is more completely described in the complaint.

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

PIN: 69435-15-01-006 Property Location: Off Fayetteville

Rd., 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 November 14, 2023 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 28th day of September,

RUDOLPH K. SMITH RKS Law

Attorney for Plaintiff
Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville,
NC 28302

(910) 486-3230 Publication Dates: 10/4/2023; 10/11/2023; 10/18/2023 AMMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE FILE NUMBER: 23 SP 111

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by JAMES L. MCDILDApayable to MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, Lender, to INVESTORS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY , Trustee, dated February 22, 2022, and recorded in Book 0433, Page 01427 of the Hoke County Public Registry by Goddard & Peterson, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, default having been made in the terms of agreement set forth by the loan agreement secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Goddard & Peterson, PLLC, , having been substituted as Successor Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Official Records of Hoke County, North Carolina, in Book 01491, Page 0072, 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 Hoke County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 11:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S): 694140001073

ADDRESS: 110 TURNPIKE PINES RD RAEFORD, NC 28376

THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND LYING AND BEING ABOUT 3 1/2 MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY OF RAEFORD; ABOUT THREE (3) MILES NORTHEAST OF WEST HOKE SCHOOL. BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY SR 1203 (TURN-PIKE ROAD); ON ALL OTHER SIDES BY OTHER LANDS OF LEO SCHULENBURG AND J.H. WRIGHT AND MORE PARTICU-LARLY DESCRIBED AS FOL-

BEGINNING AT REBAR WITH-IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SR 1203 (15.4 FEET NORTH OF CENTER), SAID REBAR BEING LOCATED S 67-49 W 140.57 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEAST COR-NER OF THE ORIGINAL TRACT OF WHICH THIS IS A PART, AND RUNNING THENCE AS THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ORIGINAL TRACT, S 67-49 W 140.57 FEET TO AREBAR; THENCE N 19-22 W 240 FEET TO A REBAR; THENCE N 67-48 E 137.86 FEET TO AREBAR; THENCE S 20-02 E 240 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.77 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING A PORTION OF THE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 192, PAGE 508,

HOKE COUNTY REGISTRY. THIS PROPERTY IS ALSO IDENTIFEDAS LOT 2 AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "SUBDI-VISION FOR JULIAN H. WRIGHT AND LEO SCHULENBURG. DRAWNBYLELANDD.STROTH-ER, PLS L-2768, DATED FEBRUARY 1987, AND RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 8 PAGE 115 SLIDE

213, HOKE COUNTY REGISTRY. OTE ON TITLE: WRIGHT & BEST, INC. ACQUIRED A 1/2 INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY VIA INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN BOOK 300, PAGE 447, HOKE COUNTY REGISTRY. WRIGHT BUSINESS INVESTMENTS, LLC ACQUIRED A 1/2 INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY VIA INSTRU-MENT RECORDED IN BOOK 593, PAGE 373, HOKE COUNTY REGISTRY

PRESENTRECORDOWNER(S): HEIRS OF JAMES L. MCDILDA

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §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 N.C.G.S. §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 are expressly 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 its sole discretion, if it believes 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 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.

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 ABANK-RUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY RE-QUIREMENT AND FOR INFOR-MATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY POR-TION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

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110 Frederick St, Suite 200 Greenville, South Carolina

Phone: (470) 321-7112, Ext. 204 Fax: 1-919-800-3528 RAS File Number: [23-116254]

GENERAL NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 23 CVD 124

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Hoke County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled "COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina v. LOUIS ARROYO a/k/a LUIS ARROYO; MARIALIE MALDONADO;

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF GLADYS M. ARROYO, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of GLADYS M. ARROYO", the undersigned Commissioner will at 10:00 a.m. on the 19th day of October, 2023 offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction, at the courthouse door in Hoke County, North Carolina, in Raeford, the following described real property.

29430-00-01-112

"BEING all of Lot Number 7 in Block A as shown and designated on a map entitled "Greenbrier Estates" made by W.R. McDuffie, Registered Surveyor, in April and May, 1964 and recorded in Book of Maps No.5, Page 27, Hoke County Registry.

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

The sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above-described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. This sale will not convey any personal property that may be located on the real property and the Commissioner makes no warranties or representations as to whether improvements to real property are real or personal in nature. A cash deposit of ten (10%) percent or \$750.00, whichever is greater, of the successful bid will be required. Upon notification of close of the upset bid period the last and highest bidder will have 3 business days to deliver the balance of the bid (in certified funds) to RKS Law.

This 23rd day of September 2023. RUDOLPH K. SMITH RKS Law

Attorney for Hoke County Tax Collection Department Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville, NC 28302

(910) 486-3230 Publication dates: 10/11/2023; 10/18/2023 23 CVD 124

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LEGAL DEADLINE: FRIDAY PRIOR TO **PUBLICATION DATE**

E-mail legals to: jessica@thenews-journal.com CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
LULA J. MCLEAN
FILE NO. 04 E 27

All persons, firms and corporations having claims for Lula J. McLean, de ceased, are hereby notified to exhibi them to George F. McLean, Admin istrator of the estate of the deceden at 611 N. Jackson St., Raeford, NC 28376 on or before the 9th day of January, 2024, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix. This the 11th day of October, 2023

George F. McLean For the estate of Lula J. McLean 611 N. Jackson Street Raeford, NC 28376 33-36P

GENERAL NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 23 CVD 578

Under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of Hoke County, North Carolina, made and entered in the action entitled "COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina v. CHRISTY DEVELOPMENT COR-PORATION", the undersigned Commissioner will at 10:00 a.m. on the 19th day of October, 2023 offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction, at the courthouse door in Hoke County, North Carolina, in Raeford, the following described real property.

PIN: 69445-00-01-111 "LYING in Hoke County, North Carolina. Bounded on the South by property conveyed to Ministerio Evangelistico Jehova Es Mi Pa as described and recorded in Deed Book 1390, Page 199. Bounded on the East by property conveyed to Blackburn as described and recorded in Deed Book 149, page 531. Bounded on the North by the southern margin of Autry Loop, a 30' wide right of way for a private unimproved road. Bounded on the East by property conveyed to Blackburn as described and recorded in Deed Book 250, Page 290 of the Hoke County Register of Deeds Office.

COMMENCING at the centerline intersection of Autry Street and US Hwy 401 business,

THENCE, With Autry Street, in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of about 1090' to its intersection with Autry Loop

THENCE, With Autry Loop in a

Southeasterly direction for a distance of about 745 to a 3/8" iron rebar set at the Northwest corner of this tract and the southern margin of Autry Loop. Said rebar being the TRUE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING. THENCE, with the margin of Autry Loop, North 59 degrees 00 minutes

00 seconds East, for a distance of 50' to a 3/8" iron rebar set flush with the surface of the ground. THENCE, South 21 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance

of 166' to a 3/8" iron rebar set flush with the surface of the ground. THENCE, South 59 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 50' to a 3/8" iron rebar sett

flush with the surface of the ground. THENCE, North 21 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 166.00' to a 3/8" iron rebar set flush with the surface of the ground, said rebar being the TRUE POINT

AND PLACE OF BEGINNING. Together with and subject to all covenants, restrictions, and easements of record; Said property contains 0.19 acres (8,182 square feet). This property description was written and prepared by Michael E. Rogers, PLS, L-4908; 1SG, USA (RET), this

the 29 of June 2023.

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

The sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above-described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. This sale will not convey any personal property that may be located on the real property and the Commissioner makes no warranties or representations as to whether improvements to real property are real or personal in nature. A cash deposit of ten (10%) percent or \$750.00, whichever is greater, of the successful bid will be required. Upon notification of close of the upset bid period the last and highest bidder will have 3 business days to deliver the balance of the bid (in certified funds) to RKS Law.

This 23rd day of September, 2023. RUDOLPH K. SMITH

RKS Law Attorney for Hoke County Tax Collection Department

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA, HOKE COUNTY 23 SP 72

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Richard W Ramsey, Single man to Ashish G Lakhiani, Trustee(s), which was dated January 25, 2021 and recorded on January 27, 2021 in Book 1357 at Page 201, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on October 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hoke County, North Carolina, to wit:

BEING ALL OF LOT 42, IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS GA-LATIA FARMS, AND THE SAME BEING DULY RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 3, SLIDE 3-29, MAP 2 & 3, HOKE COUNTY REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA.

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

Said property is commonly known as 275 Seabiscuit Dr, Raeford, NC

A Certified Check ONLY (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORD-ING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.

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

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement 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 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 the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination

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

Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC

5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 File No.: 23-03124-FC01 32-33C

CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK **COUNTY OF HOKE** IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARVIN MCPHATTER

23E140 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against MAR-VIN MCPHATTER, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Lisa McPhatter, Administrator, of the Estate of the decedent at Post Office Box 1475 Raeford, North Carolina 28376, on or before the 27th day of December 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

This the 27th day of September 2023. Lisa McPhatter Administrator

For the Estate of Marvin McPhatter The Law office of Gregory B.

Thompson 138 N. Main Street Raeford, North Carolina 28376 32-35C

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.: 23 CVD 681 COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff,

ROBERT J. HART, II; SPOUSE OF ROBERT J. HART,

DERRITH R. HART; SPOUSE OF DERRITH R. HART; MARK E. HART; SPOUSE OF MARK E. HART; DANNY M. HART; SPOUSE OF DANNY M. HART;

JOHNNY M. HART; SPOUSEOFJOHNNYM.HART; LANCE HART; SPOUSE OF LANCE HART;

DEBBIE L. STEGICH; SPOUSE OF DEBBIE L. STE-

DENISE CARPER; SPOUSE OF DENISE CARPER; DEANA L. OWENS;

SPOUSE OF DEANAL.OWENS; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF BETTY J. HART, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of BETTY J. HART

Defendants ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF BETTY J. HART, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of BETTY J. HART;

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 292 Page 080, Hoke County North Carolina, which is more completely described in the complaint.

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

PIN: 49467-03-01-165

Property Location: Mackintosh Ct., 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 November 13, 2023 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 September,

RUDOLPH K. SMITH

RKS Law Attorney for Plaintiff Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville, NC 28302

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

FILE NO.: 23 CVD 649 COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North

BARBARA MORRISEY BALD-WIN a/k/a BARBARA MORRISEY

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ADDIE MAE MCNEILL, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of ADDIE MAE MCNEILL

Defendants

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ADDIE MAE MCNEILL, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of ADDIE MAE MCNEILL;

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 185 Page 518, Hoke County North Carolina, which is more completely described in the complaint.

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

PIN: 69425-17-01-017 Property Location: Off Hamilton Rd., 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 November 13, 2023 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 28th day of September,

RUDOLPH K. SMITH RKS Law Attorney for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 23 SP 143

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by William Hiendlmayr (Deceased) (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): William Hiendlmayr, Heirs of William Hiendlmayr: Lilith Weaver) to Heather Lovier, Trustee(s), dated July 29, 2019, and recorded in Book No. 01273, at Page 0189 and re-recorded in Book No. 1305, at Page 934 in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note 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 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 Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 10:00 AM on October 26, 2023 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in Raeford in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as

A certain tract or parcel of land in Raeford Township, Hoke County, North Carolina situated about two (2) miles southwest of Raeford; North Carolina lying about 80 yards south of State Road No. 1208, about 275 yards southwest of its intersection with State Road No, 1145, adjoining the lands of J. H. Blythe on the Northeast and by lands of Ida Wright on the Northwest, Southwest, and Southeast being further described as follows:

Commencing at an iron ont the southeast side of State Road No. 1208, said iron being the northeast corner of the Ida Wright 56.3 acre "First tract" described in Deed Book 108, at. Page 231 in the Hoke County Registry, a common corner with J. H. Blythe 71.4 acre "Northern one-half" tract described in Deed Book 101, at Page 307-309 and the W. A. Wright tract described in Deed Book 86, at Page 250; thence as a common line of Ida Wright and J. H. Blyt S 13-17-36-E 246.88 feet to a 5/8 inch iron in said common line, the point of BEGINNING; running thence from the beginning as a common line of Ida Wright and J. H Blythe, S 13-17-3 E 197.95 feet to a 5/8 inch iron in said common line; thence a new line, S 61-36-12 W 86.32 feet to a 5/8 inch iron; thence a new line, N 31-06 W 184.40 feet to 5/8 inch iron in a field thence a new line, N 58-54-00 E 146.76 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.50 acre more or less and being a portion of the Ida Wright "First Tract" described in Deed Book 108, at Page 231 in the Hoke County Registry. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 1398 Crawford Wright Road, Raeford, North Carolina.

20 FOOT WIDE ACCESS EASE-**MENT**

ALSO CONVEYED WITH THE ABOVE DESCRIBED 0.50 tract is a 20 foot wide access easement to be used as ingress and egress from

state road 1208 to said 0.50 acre tract. BEGINNING at the beginning corner of the above described 0.50 acre tract and running thence as the common line of Ida Wright 56.3 acre tract described in Book 108 Page 231 and the J. H. Blythe 71.4 acre northern one half tract described to deed book 101 Page 307 in the Hoke County Public. Registry, N 13-17-36 H 246.38 feet to an iron pipe at the North east corner of said Wright 56.3 acre tract the end of the easement.

Said 20 foot wide easement is adjacent to and lies southwest of the above described line

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S.

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 N.C.G.S. §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 are expressly 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 its sole discretion, if it believes 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 roperty 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 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

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

23 E 244 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Lizzie M. West, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Tracey Messenger, Co-Administrix of the estate of the decedent at 2399 Middleton Ct. Fayetteville, NC 28306 and Kelley Grissett, Co-Administrix, of the estate of the decedent at 5329 Goshawk Dr., Hope Mills, NC 28348 on or before the 19th day of December, 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix.

This the 20th day of September,

Tracey Messenger, Co-Administrix For the estate of Ruthie M. Hollingsworth

2399 Middleton Ct. Fayetteville, NC 28306

And Kelley Grissett, Co-Administrix, For the estate of Ruthie M. Hol-

lingsworth 5329 Goshawk Dr., Hope Mills, NC 28348

CREDITORS' NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF

JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-

TATE OF DEBRA ANN MCCARTHY AKA DEBRA EURE MCCARTHY 23 E 52

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Debra Ann McCarthy AKA Debra Eure McCarthy, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Patrick M. McCarthy Jr. as Personal Representative of the Estate of the decedent at PO Box 126, Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 4th day of January 2024, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Personal Representative.

This the 4th day of October 2023. Patrick M. McCarthy Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Debra Ann McCarthy AKA Debra Eure McCarthy

Willcox, McFadyen, Fields &

Sutherland, PLLC Attorneys at Law PO Box 126

Raeford, North Carolina 28376

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

COUNTY OF HOKE IN TH MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF LUVIE ELNORA GILLESPIE 22E332

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against LUVIE ELNORA GILLESPIE, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Debra Haynes, Administrator, of the Estate of the decedent at Post Office Box 1475 Raeford, North Carolina 28376, on or before the 27th day of December 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

This the 27th day of September

Debra Haynes Administrator For the Estate of LUVIE ELNORA GILLESPIE The Law office of Gregory B.

138 N. Main Street Raeford, North Carolina 28376

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF **PROCESS** BY PUBLICATION GENERAL COURT OF JUS-TICE STATE OF NORTH CAR-**OLINA SUPERIOR COURT** DIVISION HOKE COUNTY

23 CVS 635 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE under the Will of

Richard T. Satterwhite, Defendants. TO: UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER THE WILL OF RICHARD T. SATTERWHITE

Take notice that pleadings seeking relief against you have been filed in the above-entitled civil action. The nature of the relief being sought is the condemnation and appropriation, for highway purposes, of a certain interests or estates in that certain parcel of land lying and being in Quewhiffle Township, Hoke County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

Being that land described in a Special Warranty Deed dated April 3, 2002 from Marvin L. Carriker, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard T. Satterwhite, to Marvin L. Carriker, Jr., Trustee of the Trust under the Will of Richard T. Satterwhite, and recorded April 17, 2002 in Book 502, Page 781, Ĥoke County Registry. The property description contained in said deed is hereby incorporated by reference. Reference is made to that deed recorded December 13, 1989 in Book 272, Page 238, Hoke County Registry, wherein the subject property was conveyed to Richard T. Also, being that land identified as

Tax PIN No. 584980001013 (Property No. 0005379) containing approximately 9.510 acres and described as "SATTERWHITE" and having an address of 9049 Aberdeen Road, Aberdeen, NC, as is shown in the Hoke County Tax Office. You are hereby required to make

defense to such pleadings not later than the 6th day of November 2024, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 27th day of September 2023. JOSHUA H. STEIÑ Attorney General Lisa B. Finkelstein Assistant Attorney General North Carolina Department of

Transportation Division 1505 Mail Service Center Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1505 Phone: (919) 707-4480 CREDITORS NOTICE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF

JUSTICE

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ESTATE OF ETTA ELIZABETH CARROLL HOKE COUNTY FILE NUM-BER 23-E-250

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against ÊTTA ELIZABETH CARROLL, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Lisa J. Carroll as Administratrix of the Estate of the decedent at P.O. Box 126, Raeford, NC 28376 on or before the 27th day of December, 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 27th day of September, 2023

Lisa J. Carroll, Administratrix of the

Estate of ETTA ELIZABETH CARROLL deceased Willcox, McFadyen, Fields & Sutherland, PLLC Attorneys At Law

P.O. Box 126 Raeford, North Carolina 28376 31-34C

CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **Before The Clerk** COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF RUTHIE MAE HOLLINGSWORTH 23 E 196

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Ruthie M. Hollingsworth, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Ruby Lee McKoy, Executrix, of the estate of the decedent at 410 E. Donaldson Ave. Raeford, NC 28376 on or before the 19th day of December, 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix.

This the 20th day of September, 2023

Ruby Lee McKoy, Executrix For the estate of Ruthie M. Hollingsworth 410 E. Donaldson Ave. Raeford, NC 28376 30-33P

LEGAL DEADLINE: FRIDAY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION

E-mail legals to: jessica@thenews-journal.com

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

DASIREE E. HOUGH 23 E 241 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Dasiree E. Hough, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Stephanic Balaam, Executrix of the estate of the decedent at 6357 Pittman Grove Church Rd, Raeford, NC 28376 on or before the 19th day of December 2023, or be barred from their recovery

IN THE MATTER OF

named Executrix. This the 20th day of September

Debtors of the decedent are asked to

make immediate payment to the above

Stephanie Balaam, Executrix For the estate of Dasiree E. Hough 6357 Pittman Grove Church Rd Raeford, NC 28376 30-33P

CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **Before The Clerk** COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF ANNIE RUTH MCCALL 23 E 256

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Annie R. Mc-Call, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Barnisha Ragin, Co-Administratrix of the estate of the decedent at 3026 Woolard Dr, Hope Mills NC 28348 and Tiffany Ragin, Co-Administratrix at 208 Haire Rd, Raeford, NC 28376 on or before the 19th day of December, 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix.

This the 20th day of September,

Barnisha Ragin, Co-Administratrix For the estate of Annie R. McCall 3026 Woolard Dr.

Hope Mills NC 28348 And Tiffany Ragin, Co-Administratrix 208 Haire Rd.

Raeford, NC 28376 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-ING

HOKE COUNTY,

NORTH CAROLINA

SU-23-15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to G.S. 153A-323, that the following Public Hearings will be held before the Hoke County Board of Adjustment on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm, in the Pratt Building located at 227 North Main Street, Raeford, NC, for the purpose

of hearing the following: A. Application for Special Use Permit SU-23-15 submitted by Willie Woods for a Class B Manufactured Home to be located at 865 Cope Rd. The property is more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PIN 294400001014 (2.62) acres and is located in a RA-20 Residential-Agricultural District, which allows a Class B Manufactured

Homes as a Special use Application for Special Use Permit SU-23-16 submitted by Dorothy Galberth for a Class B Manufactured Home to be located at 621 McGilvary Ln. The property is more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PIN 584950001066 (0.5) acres and is located in a RA-20 Residential-Agricultural District, which allows a Class B Manufactured Homes as a

Application for Special Use Permit SU-23-17 submitted by Damion Netherly for a Class B Manufactured Home to be located at Pickler Rd. The property is more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PIN 584880001067 (10.2) acres and is located in a RA-20 Residential-Agricultural District, which allows a Class B Manufactured Homes as a Special use

Special use

D. Application for Special Use Permit SU-23-18 submitted by Krystal Tedder for a Class B Manufactured Home to be located at 3001 Springhill Rd. The property is more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PIN 184900001028 (1.99) acres and is located in a RA-20 Residential-Agricultural District, which allows a Class B Manufactured Homes as a Special use

All interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Changes may be made in the advertised proposal, which reflect information presented at the hearing. The above listed items may be viewed in the Planning & Zoning Department, 423 E. Central Avenue, Raeford, NC. Jacqueline Lowery, Zoning Clerk

CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN SWAN

23 E 251 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Steven C. Swan, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Steven L. Swan, Administrator of the estate of the decedent at 620 Emerson Ave., N. Baldwin, NY 11510 on or before the 19th day of December, 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix.

This the 20th day of September,

Steven L. Swan - Administrator For the estate of Steven C. Swan 620 Emerson Ave. N. Baldwin, NY 11510

30-33P

Man arrested on murder charge from Robeson County

The United States Marshals law enforcement. Service last week arrested a man in Hoke County wanted in connection with a murder that happened in Robeson County earlier

Authorities arrested 32-yearold James Roscoe McAllister on charges of first-degree murder and felony conspiracy.

The charges are related to the murder of 18-year-old Michael Dyveon Smith Thomas of Hope Mills. Thomas was killed July 21, 2023 on the 100 block of Chris Road in Lumber Bridge, in Robeson County, according to

Authorities located McAllister in Hoke County last week and took him into custody on the felony charges. Law enforcement had sought the public's help in finding McAllister since July.

Two other people had already been arrested in connection with the case. Kayla Antoinette Chavis, 36, of Shannon, and Trysten Jacoby Tyler, 21, of Lumberton, were both arrested July 23 on charges of first-degree murder and felony conspiracy.

McAllister was out of jail on bond at the time of the arrest, and is also facing a murder charge in

connection with the 2008 fatal shooting in Robeson County that killed 23-year-old David Bullard. Multiple other suspects besides McAllister were charged in connection with that case.

The Robeson County Sheriff's Office is investigating the case. The Hoke County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Lumberton Police Department also provided assistance with the case.

McAllister was held in the Robeson County Detention Center without bond.

Schools

(Continued from page 1) Bend, Indiana from 2016-2019. He was an assistant superintendent of Alton Community Unit School District 11 in Alton, Illinois from 2007-2011, and served as superintendent there from 2011-2016.

Spells began his career in education as a teacher in Columbus County Schools in North Carolina and went on to become an assistant principal and principal at schools in Illinois. He graduated from Fayetteville State University with a bachelor's degree in history and physical education. He earned a masters and specialist degree in education administration from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. He earned his doctorate in educational leadership from Maryville University in Saint Louis, Missouri,

The News-Journal reached out to Spells for comment Tuesday evening, but had not received a response by publication deadline later the same night.

Spells was apparently, originally set to become Hoke County Schools

superintendent in early November. A prior contract extension for Shotwell, which the board approved in September, specified that Shotwell "may provide up to five days of

transition services for Dr. Kenneth

Spells between November 1 and

7, 2023." The district also initially announced a meet-and-greet for September 26 to introduce Spells as the new superintendent, but canceled the event shortly after the email invitation was sent out.

Hoke County Schools has had three people serve in the top hired leadership role in 2023.

Dr. Debra Dowless, superintendent since December 2020, resigned in February. She now works as an administrator with Public Schools of Robeson County (PSRC).

Appointed Interim Superintendent Dr. Shannon Register served from February until the end of June, when her contract as interim ended, and resumed her job as an assistant superintendent. She resigned in September from her job as assistant

superintendent. The school district hired Shotwell to serve as interim superintendent beginning in July. His first contract was through September 30, 2023. The first contract extension, approved by the school board last month, extended his time as interim superintendent through October 31 - plus the first week in November to help bring Spells onboard as the new superintendent.

The new amendment to his contract will have Shotwell stay as interim superintendent through the end of December. His initial contract was for a salary of \$16,000

The school system contracted with the North Carolina School Boards Association to provide assistance in the superintendent search. The district received 19 applicants for the job, officials said earlier this year. The school board narrowed down the list of candidates and conducted interviews before selecting a new superintendent.

-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.

October 18

HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL'S next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the demo kitchen of the Robert A. Wright Agricultural Bldg. This is open to the public. For more information, please contact Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator at 910-494-4380 or visit www.hcjcpc.org. (No meeting in September.)

October 30

The Hoke County Board of Social Services meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the Hoke County Social Services T. B. Lester, Jr. Building's Conference room, 314 S. Magnolia St., Raeford, The public is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Hoke County Department of Social Services at 910-875-8725.

November 13

BINGO will be held at the Tylertown Community Building beginning

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**

. 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 George Balch at 910-875-4410, e-mail gbalch@nc.rr.com or visit us on Facebook. (expires December 2023)

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 gbalch@nc.rr.com (expires December 2023)

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

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 December 2023)

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

Others

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the Hoke County Public Library. Want the Hoke County Public Library to visit your facility for a Storytime? Call us at 910-875-2502. (expires December

ADULTS PROGRAMS are offered Wednesdays at the Hoke County Public Library, times vary. Call us at 910-875-2502 for more information. (expires December 2023)

FOLLOW US on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for more information about what is happening at the Hoke County Public Library. (expires December 2023) HOTSPOTS and CHROMEBOOKS are available for

checkout with your Hoke County Public Library Card at the Hoke County Public Library. Other available services: •Print •Fax •Scan •Notary (expires December 2023) TEEN MONDAYS are held at the Hoke County Public

Library at 1 p.m. & Thursdays at 2 p.m. Call the Hoke County Public Library at 910-875-2502 for more information. Follow us on Facebook for more information about what is happening at the library. (expires October 2023) STORYTIME — Want the Hoke County Public Library to visit your facility for a Storytime? Call us at 910-875-

READ TO SUCCEED — The Hoke County Public Library is offering an essay contest for school-aged children in Hoke County - 2 elementary, 2 middle and

1 high schooler. Call the library for more information. DIGITAL LITERACY — Digital Literacy classes have resumed. Call the Hoke County Public Library at 910-

875-2502 to get registered for classes. Digital navigator office hours are 2pm-4pm Monday-Friday for drop in

assistance. (expires October 2023)

WEEKLY AA MEETINGS www.aa.org — Wednesdays: 7:30-9 p.m., Raeford United Methodist Church, 308 N. Main St., Raeford, rear entrance. (expires December 2023)

LIBERTY HOSPICE SERVICES is looking for friendly, compassionate people to join our Raeford team as a Hospice Volunteer. Companionship volunteers are needed to visit one time a week with a patient to talk, to listen, to laugh, sometimes to watch TV or maybe read, sometimes to sit quietly during rest. The gift of your time will always brighten their day. For more information call Linda at 910-875-8198. (expires June 2023)

LINE DANCE CLASS for seniors 55+ starts September 1st. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost per month is \$25. Cash or check payment can be made from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday at Hoke County Senior Services. Call 910-875-8588 for more information. Payments must be made by September 5th. (expires

SENIOR BOWLING is every Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Please contact Brenda Molchan, Hoke County Senior Services at 910-875-8588 for more information.

A MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION is held at the Food Pantry of Carolinas/Masjid Al Madina, 196 Pittman Grove Church Road, Raeford, between 10 - 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Call Muhammad at 651-983-3903 for information. (expires December 2023)

The DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF HOKE COUNTY meet every fourth Monday, via Zoom for now. For login info call 910-875-8982. (expires December 2023)

The HOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY meets the third Thursday of every month at PK's Grill Raeford Airport at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information please visit the website at www.hokegop.

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SPORTS

The Gridiron

Fighting Bucks' comeback falls short at Southern Lee

SCOTT BOUCHER Sports Writer

The Bucks traveled to Lee County last Friday hoping to ruin Southern Lee's Homecoming festivities. It did not go the way the Bucks were hoping. The come-back fell short and the Cavaliers held on for a 21-14 victory in front of the home crowd for Homecoming.

The offense struggled for much of the game but the defense kept the Bucks in the game. Neither team was able to find the endzone until late in the 2nd quarter when Southern Lee's JoJo Douglas went in on an 11-yard TD run with 3:11 in the half.

The Bucks next drive ended on

the only turnover of the game when Bucks would return Julian McNeil intercepted a Brandon Saunders pass and returned it to inside the Hoke County 40-yard line. A Mike Blanks 5-yard TD run with 1:39 left in the half gave the Cavaliers a 14-0 halftime lead.

The defense controlled the third quarter and the Bucks offense started to get some momentum and move the ball. The Bucks reached the end zone with 8:14 left in the game when Sr RB Jairo Ortiz found the end zone from 2 yards out.

The mood in the game seemed to be going the Bucks' way until the ensuing kickoff when Southern Lee ran the ball back for a TD and a 21-6 lead with under 8 minutes left in the game. The

Bucks line-up for their first score of the game (Photos by Scott Boucher)

the favor on the next kickoff returning it to the Cavalier 9-yard line. The Bucks would again find the endzone and the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 21-14. The Cavaliers looked to try and run out the clock on its next drive and settled for a field goal attempt with under 1

minute to play. The defensive front line blew up the play and got a huge block off the field goal and the recovery, setting the Bucks up near midfield. The Bucks were unable to



Senior WR #3 Seriyon Wilson looks in on the play call.

connect on the passing plays and the game would end on a sack to run out the clock.

The Bucks return to action this Friday night as they host Union Pines for Homecoming.

Senior P#29 Josue Hernandez-Lima flips the field on





2023 Cross Country Seniors: Aiden DeRieux, Xavier Bell, Raley Edwards, Nakel Jacobs, Logan Lopo, Dequavious Mosley and Matias Rylander (not pictured). (Photos by Scott Boucher)

It's A Runners World - Cross Country

SCOTT BOUCHER

The Fighting Bucks crosscountry hosted its last conference meet of the season. This night would also serve as Senior Night for seven runners on this year's boys team. This evening the coaches and runners took the time to celebrate the accompaniments of Xavier Bell, Aiden DeRieux, Raley Edwards, Nakel Jacobs, Logan Lupo, DeQuavious Mosley, and Matias Rylander.

The Bucks welcomed the teams from Union Pines High School, Lee County High School, and Southern Lee High School. In the meet Sr. Nakel Jacobs finished 2nd overall in a time of 17:16.87 while Jr. Isaac Fitzpatrick finished 3rd overall in a time of 17:18.80. The Bucks place in the top ten as they prepare for a very competitive conference championship week. Overall team results for the meet were Union Pines 26, Hoke County 31.

In the girls event the Bucks were again led by freshman Harley Hardin who finished 2nd in a time of 21:34.90 and Alondra Cardenas Resindez who finished 6th in a time of 24:01.66. Sophomore Riley Kirkman would add a new personal record (PR) with a time of 26:38.53. Overall team scores for the girls were Union Pines 20, Hoke County 40.



Riley Kirkman on her way to a personal record.

HOKE COUNTY ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Boucher: How long have you

participated in cross country? Hardin: I did a running program in 4th grade but I really got into it during 7th grade.

Boucher: What got you interested in cross country?

Hardin: I don't really know what actually pushed me into cross country but I liked it because I can run off my problems and it helps with my stamina for wrestling.

Boucher: Do you play other sports at Hoke County High School?

Hardin: Well since I'm a freshman the only one I've gotten to do is cross country but I am looking forward to wrestling.

Boucher: What strengths from cross country cross over to other sports for you? What do you believe to be one of your weaknesses and what are you doing to improve them?

Hardin: Like I said cross country helps with my stamina for wrestling. I think one of my weaknesses is not pushing myself enough when I'm running. I'm trying to push myself more and push my limits, but it might take some more time.

Boucher: Is there a coach or athlete that you look up to as a role model and why?

Hardin: I don't think there is

Freshman Harley Hardin - Girls Cross Country

if I to think one it would be my old wrestling coach, Coach Tilley (Ms. Tilley) because she pushes and believes in me.

Boucher: What advice do you give younger athletes coming into the program?

Hardin: It's gonna be tough and you might feel like dying but if you pushthrough it will all be worth it and it will get you far, also sometimes it is actually mind over matter.

Boucher: As a freshman, how do you hope to step up as a leader in the future for this team?

Hardin: I would like to step up with guiding the freshman and helping them next year, and they don't have to be freshman either, they can be any year and still need help which is ok.

Boucher: Have you set aunty goals as an individual and team for this year and the future?

Hardin: Yes, as I progress through highschool and cross country I want to be able to run with the top guys, and make time with them.

Boucher: What is your next goal? Hardin: My goal is just to keep progressing even if it's by a little

bit at a time. Boucher: As a freshman have you given any thought to your future one specific person I look up to but plans, will cross country or another

sport be a part of those plans?

Hardin: Yes as I move up in high school I still want to keep cross country as one of my sports.

Boucher: What do you believe is most athletes' greatest challenge

Hardin: I think maybe setting goals for themselves, sometimes the goals they set either push them too hard or they don't push themselves enough.

Boucher: How do you hope to improve throughout the season?

Hardin: Ihope to get better times and better places throughout the

coaches helped you most? Hardin: I think my coaches have

Boucher: In what area have your

helped me with pushing me to my limits. Boucher: How do you want your

teammates to view you? Hardin: I would like my team-

mates to view me as a friend they can depend on most times and also as a teammate that can help push them. Boucher: Do you have any hob-

bies or interests outside of sports? Hardin: Idon't think Ido, I guess sports are kinda my "hobby".

Boucher: What colleges are you looking at in your future? What school would be your dream school? Hardin: I haven't really looked

into schools and my future like that



Harley Hardin finished 2nd overall in the last home meet of the season. (Photo by Scott Boucher)

yet, but I just hope I can make it into some type of school or career/ job that will make my family happy. Boucher: What do you plan to

study while in college? Hardin: Like I said I haven't really looked into my future that far yet.



goal at Richmond.

Down on the Pitch -**Boys Soccer**

SCOTT BOUCHER Sports Writer

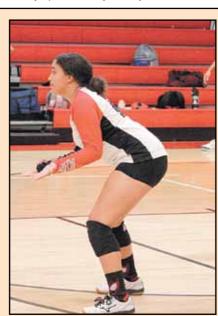
The Fighting Bucks hosted Lee County before going on the Road to face Richmond County. The Bucks fought until the end against Lee County before falling 3-2. The Yellow Jackets went up 2-0 in the first half. In the second half Jr. Jose Vazquez De La Cruz and Sr. Johnathan Peña each found the net to keep the Bucks in the game. Lee County's Brandon Harding would score the game winner and his third goal of the game for the difference in the game.

In the second match of the week the Bucks traveled down Rockingham to take on the Raiders of Richmond County. The Bucks would take a 1-0 lead into halftime and then extend the lead for a 3-1 victory. The Bucks' Joas Hernandez (Fr) Leo Ramirez (Sr) David Flores (Sr) each netted a goal while assists were recorded by David Hernandez (Jr), Vazquez De La Cruz (Jr), and Dinari Bascombe (Sr).

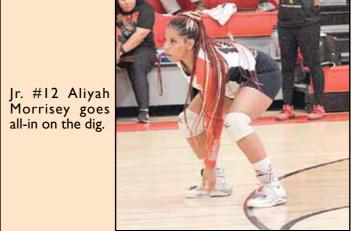
The junior varsity team split the games during the week losing against Lee County 3-1 while winning 1-0 at Richmond on a goal from Yahir Jueraz (Fr).



Jr. #10 Jose Vazquez De La Cruz takes the corner against Lee County. (Photos by Estephanie Tolentino)



lr. #10 Chayna Locklear prepares to receive the serve. (Photos by Scott Boucher)



Are You Digging It -Volleyball

SCOTT BOUCHER Sports Writer

The Bucks were on the road twice last week as they traveled to Southern lee to start the week. In another hard fought five set match, the Bucks found what they needed to take the match 3-2. In its second match the Bucks went to Moore County to take on the Lady Vikings of Union Pines High School. The Bucks played hard but fell in straight sets 12-25, 19-25, and 12-25. The JV team split the matches during the week winning at Southern Lee 2-1 and falling to Union Pines 2-0. Junior varsity players Aubrey Carpenter and Karmen Campbell are gaining experience playing some games with the varsity as the team prepares for the conference tournament.

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