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Rezoning hearing rescheduled over missing notice

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Editor

A public hearing matter from the Hoke County Planning Board's October meeting will return next month for another hearing, and a second item tabled from October will also appear again on the agenda. A third item originally on the October agenda was pulled and has not been resubmitted, according to county officials.

A notice that was supposed to be submitted to the News-Journal for

publication to announce one of the public hearings, was not submitted to the newspaper, County Planner Jeff Dockery said in an email after the meeting took place.

"The legal ad for RZ-23-15 was not sent to media. To remedy this, our office will bring this case back before the Planning Board on November 9, 2023. Our office will ensure that all legal mailings, ads and posting for this case will be satisfied," the email from

(See REZONING, page 7)



Riding into fall at the festival

John Manning drives his vintage convertible, filled with a crowd of mascots, down Main Street last Thursday during the 2023 Fall Festival parade. The eclectic costumes included Turkey Lurkey, Sparky the fire dog, McGruff the crime dog, the News-Journal owl and a couple of Hoke High Bucks. (Photo by Zac Chamblee)

Outgoing Council members share 63 years of experience

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Editor

Outgoing Raeford City Council members Bobby Conoly, John Jordan and Mary Neil King have been on the council for a combined 63 years, and offered some advice for the three new council members

who will come in to fill their seats after the three chose not to run for re-election.

"Just listen. Be accessible, and do what we feel is best. Have no personal agenda, just do what we feel is right for all the citizens, as best we can," Jordan explained his approach to serving on the council.

"Come with no agenda except to further the benefits for the city, and come not expecting to get rich," King said.

"That's true. It's been an enjoyable trip," Conoly said. "We've had an excellent board to work with. A good manager, good staff. We've been very fortunate to have that in

this time. I kind of hate to give it up, but it's time."

Conoly, Jordan and King were recognized for their decades of service on the City Council at a reception Tuesday morning at Raeford City Hall. The drop-in event saw friends and supporters bring flowers for the outgoing council members,

and enjoy reminiscing with the three elected officials over refreshments.

Asked what they were most proud of having accomplished during their time on the Council, each of the members pointed to improvements made to the city.

Supporting efforts to revitalize (See COUNCIL, page 3)

Parent committee vote fails again to gather support

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Editor

Four motions related to the proposed ad hoc parent advisory committee died without a second during the Hoke County Board of Education's meeting earlier this month.

After all attempts at bringing the matter to a vote had failed, board

member Ruben Castellon, who introduced the idea of forming the committee, said he planned to speak with each board member about the proposed committee, and bring it back at a future meeting.

Castellon first proposed creating an ad hoc parent advisory committee earlier this year. According to the proposed policy, the purpose of the committee would be to "provide

a formal means for the Board and Hoke County Schools (HCS) leaders to gather input from parents and guardians of enrolled students." The committee would be drawn from parents or guardians at each of the county's schools, and would not address individual student matters or individual grievances.

"I think based on the Parents' Bill of Rights, this is consistent with

what the Bill of Rights is saying, for the board to be able to foster inclusion with the parents, and that is to establish an ad hoc parent committee," Castellon said. "Again, I want to re-emphasize this committee will be something for the board, not for the purpose of one individual, but all board members, to include most specifically the staff, the administration, most importantly the students

and the parents."

Castellon made a motion for the board to vote on approving the creation of the committee, but the motion did not receive a second.

Then, board member Rosa McAllister-McRae made a motion to table the matter for a year, until October 2024. That motion also failed to get a second, and died on the floor.

(See COMMITTEE, page 9)

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Hoke County Legend World War II veteran Ralph Pandure

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Editor

Approaching Veterans' Day on Saturday, November 11, 2023, the News-Journal is shining a spotlight on some of the many courageous veterans who have called Hoke County home.

One veteran whose name lives on today is Ralph Pandure, who served with the United States Army during World War II. He was captured while fighting in Europe, and was a prisoner (See LEGEND, page 7)



Ralph Pandure

Register of Deeds office affected by cyberattack

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Editor

The Hoke County Register of Deeds website remained down early this week in the wake of a cyberattack that also affected the Cumberland County Register of Deeds office.

None of the office's documents – which are publicly accessible records – were compromised in the attack, and "right now our office is safe," Hoke County Register of Deeds Elaine Brayboy said Tuesday.

The attack affected the two counties' offices apparently through

a vendor service that Hoke and Cumberland both use.

The Hoke Register of Deeds website, normally found at <https://www.hokencrod.org>, was still down Tuesday afternoon as both Register of Deeds internet technology and Hoke County IT worked to address the attack. The Register of Deeds office in downtown Raeford remains open for business as usual.

"All of our documents are secure and nothing has been compromised," Brayboy said. "In our office we are still e-recording documents and doing regular activity every day."

The two offices were struck last week by what is known as a ransomware attack. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)'s guide to preventing such attacks describes that "Ransomware is a form of malware designed to encrypt files on a device, rendering them and the systems that rely on them unusable."

"Malicious actors then demand ransom in exchange for decryption. Over time, malicious actors have adjusted their ransomware tactics to be more destructive and impactful and have also exfiltrated victim (See CYBERATTACK page 8)

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82 Years Ago

October 30, 1941

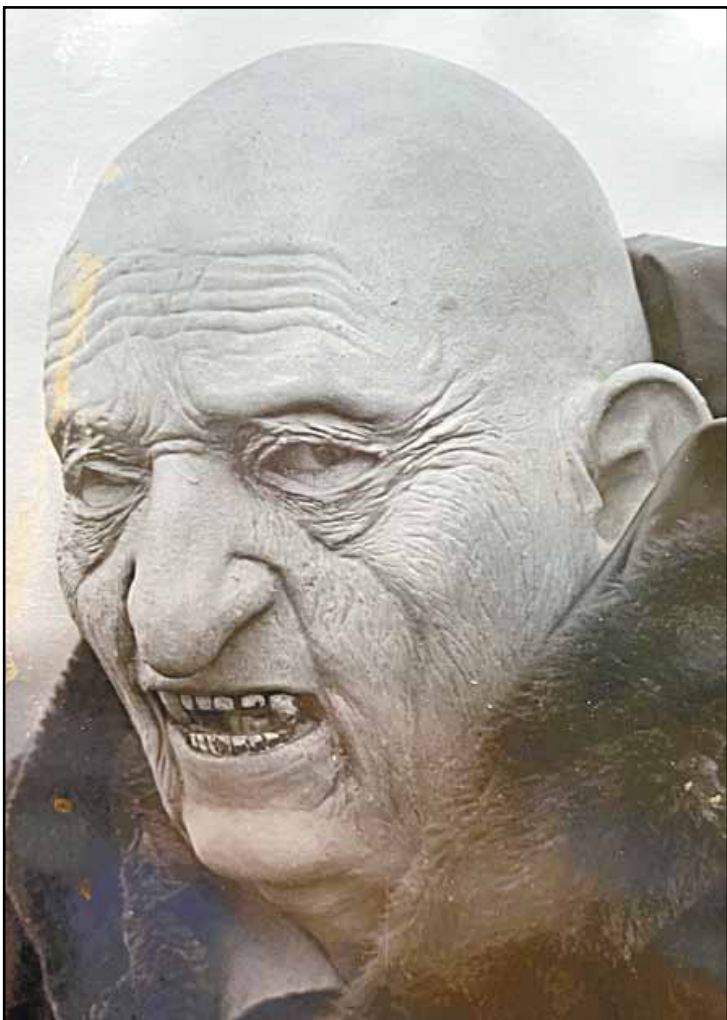
Laurie McEachern, genial farmer-business man and a veteran member of the General Assembly from Hoke, was named last Wednesday to head the office of motor vehicle registration in an appointment which came as a surprise to Mr. McEachern and his friends. The appointment came from T. Bobbie Ward, director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau following the resignation of R.R. (Dick) McLaughlin who had held the post for 21 years.

Boys and girls in the schools of Hoke County have an opportunity to take part in the national defense program by enrolling in the American Junior Red Cross. Mrs. H.A. Cameron, chairman of the Hoke County Red Cross Chapter, declared today. Mrs. Cameron said the Junior Red Cross as the junior division of membership is one of the many activities maintained by the American Red Cross from membership contributions received during its annual Roll Calls.

Mr. J.W. Green, of the Land-Use Planning Office of N.C. State College Extension Service, is spending two days here this week in working with the members of the Agricultural Workers Council and with farm leaders of the various communities in launching a definite program looking toward a long time agricultural policy, reports A.S. Knowles, County Agent. This work has as one of its purposes to coordinate the assistance of all agricultural agencies in the county and to find out what is needed in the way of crops and livestock by communities so that definite programs can be worked out on a common basis.

Last Friday night Raeford High School played its first night game in its history. Raeford lost to Lumberton, who has had night ball games for several years, 27 to 6. Raeford was not able to score in the first half, while the Lumberton boys pushed across a couple of scores.

The orthopedic clinic will be held in the basement of the agriculture building in Lumberton on Friday, November 7, beginning at 9 o'clock, and is free to all indigent children under twenty-one years of age. Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke Hospital will be



Barry Nixon has no desire to frighten little children with this Halloween mask he bought at Disney World. He says he'd rather catch inebriated adults unaware. (Photo by Suzanne H. Aplin, from October 1976)

the surgeon in charge.

"Forward with Books" is the theme for National Book Week, which is November 2-8 this year. Everyone is cordially invited to visit the Public Library during the week.

Two students from Hoke county, Eldred Helton and Lawrence Lilburn Helton Timberland, are among the 867 students enrolled at Mars Hill College this fall.

65 Years Ago

October 30, 1958

At a meeting Thursday night on the subject of the water and sewer system now and in the future the Town commissioners of Raeford decided to proceed with the harnessing of an old pump to improve water pressure and supply. Other improvements were discussed with action being deferred.

A light crowd of about 25 persons appeared at the courthouse Monday afternoon to hear the explanation of the tax structure

and program by the county commissioners and the county attorney. Of these, only about half a dozen appeared to have more than passing interest.

Of sixteen defendants appearing in Recorder's Court Tuesday, 11 were charged with violation of the prohibition laws by being drunk in public or driving under the influence of liquor. Only one was found not guilty.

The Hoke High School Bucks came home Friday night with another victory to their credit after defeating Erwin there by a score of 20-12. Erwin, already champions of the Mid-Central Class A conference suffered defeat on their home field for the first time since 1954 and had a 17-game winning streak ended by the powerful Bucks.

Little interest is being shown locally and a correspondingly light vote is expected in the general election next Tuesday in Hoke County's new precincts.

With a few workers still to



Neither Michael Long nor his orange friend seem too happy about all this Halloween business. One of the first jack-o-lanterns spotted this year in Raeford, Michael and his friend were found on Adams St. (From October 1976)

report the Hoke County United Fund campaign this week went to \$15,622.27, with about \$8,000 of this already paid and over 90 per cent of the remainder being on payroll deduction pledges. The new figure represents more than 129 per cent of the Fund's \$12,000 goal.

Lilmar Sue Gatlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion H. Gatlin of Raeford and a student at Meredith College, was seriously injured in a wreck near Raleigh Friday night and is a patient at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

Hoke county 4-H Club members will be awarded medals and prizes at the annual achievement program Thursday evening, November 6 at 7:30. The program will be held at J.W. McLaughlin School.

47 Years Ago

October 28, 1976

With less than a week to go before the election, national polls give Jimmy Carter an edge over President Ford but a North Carolina survey which puts the race neck and neck in the state should attract a good turnout of voters here.

The city fire hydrants have taken on a new look lately, and if the luminescent green, yellow and orange hues leaping out don't seem very eye-appealing, don't

worry. The job isn't finished. The old familiar red hydrant is giving way to a new system of "color coding" hydrants so firemen know immediately how much water pressure they have, city manager Robert Drumwright explained. The system is recommended by American Waterworks Association, a national advisory group.

One hundred and fifty-eight persons turned out at the public health department Monday to receive a swine flu vaccination, making the total number of shots given here since the start of the program 450.

A twenty-four-year-old Wa-gram man was killed Monday afternoon when he was thrown from his car on a rural road about three miles from the Scotland County line.

Local one per cent sales and use tax collections in Hoke County were \$18,841.14 for the month of September, according to state revenue officials.

Figures released by the North Carolina Food Assistance office indicate that 5,700 people in Hoke County may be eligible for food stamps. Presently, around 2,060 persons are using food stamps in the county, according to Delores L. Leggett, county food stamp supervisor.

Seventy-First High School scored three touchdowns in each half Friday night to easily out-distance Hoke County 38-12.

25 Years Ago

October 28, 1998

Squier named Honor Graduate, attending advanced training

John Thomas Buck Ontiveros-Squier graduated from SandHoke High School in May and was recognized with the Principal's Award and various tassels for Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, Battle of the Books and a Scholar Athlete Award. The next day he graduated with an Associates in Science Degree from Sandhills Community College.

Then he enlisted in the United States Army and went to Basic Combat Training (Boot Camp) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Because of his Associates Degree he was able to enter as a Private First Class, E-3, rather than an E-1 Recruit.

Ten weeks later he graduated as

the Honor Graduate of Echo Company's BCT Class 4-23. He was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal, for "Leadership Ability, Physical Fitness, Warrior Spirit, and Overall Knowledge of Military Subjects," according to his citation, "as Uniquely Outstanding, His Actions Reflect Great Upon Him, the 2nd Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, and the United States Army."

During the Month of September, Buck was recognized as "Soldier of the Month" each Sunday by the Blessings for Battle ministry of Ashley Heights Baptist Church.

PFC Squier is now attending Advanced Individual Training at



Squier

Fort Leonard Wood as a 74-Delta, Chemical, Biological, Radiation, and Nuclear Warfare Specialist and scheduled to graduate in mid-December.

Class Reunions

1973 — The Hoke County High School Class of 1973 is planning their Golden Anniversary (50 years of having graduated from high school). The planning committee is open 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 the planning committee.

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 at 910-273-1863.

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CCCC announces President's List

The following students have been named to the Central Carolina Community College President's List for the Summer 2023 semester.

Students named to the President's List received all A's in all classes, were registered for at least six semester hours, and received no incomplete

grades.
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Stephen Reeves

Obituaries



Harley Adams Jr.
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Harley Adams Jr. of Raeford died October 17, 2023 at the age of 79.

He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on December 5, 1943, to the late Harley Adams Sr. and Mary Elizabeth McKinzie Adams.

He was a very active member of the Raeford United Methodist church where he served as the Lay Leader, Sunday school teacher, and many councils and boards. He also served in the United States Air Force.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah Conoly Adams, of Raeford; daughters, Pam Peck and her husband Mark, Jenny Schrimpf and her husband Brandon; four grandchildren, Adam

Wood, Juliana Schrimpf, Logan Schrimpf, and Ashley Segarra; and two great-grandchildren, Riley Bourne and Dante Segarra.

A public viewing was held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2023 in the Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Friday, October 20, 2023 in the Raeford City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Raeford United Methodist Church. Online memorials may be made on the Crumpler Funeral Home website.



Annie Ellerbee

Annie Ellerbee died October 20, 2023 at the age of 88.

She was born May 26, 1935. She is survived by her children: Annie Ellerbee, Lewis Ellerbee,

Joseph Ellerbee, Larry Ellerbee, William Ellerbee, James Ellerbee; sisters: Eliza Heyward, Ruth Breeden, Deloris Clark, Ella Bronson; brothers: Alexander Williams, Jerry Williams along with a host of other family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at noon Wednesday, October 25 at the Mt. Pisgah Community Resource Center.



Joseph Gillis
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Joseph Wayne Gillis died October 19, 2023, at his home, at the age of 68.

He was born May 15, 1955 in Cumberland County on to the late William and Vernither Gillis.

He liked Harley Davidson Motorcycles, fishing, relaxing at the river, and going on cruises.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Cynthia Gillis; children, Sheila Gillis, Rachel Gillis, Brandi Bruce, and Adam Gillis; two stepdaughters, Karla Beasley (Ricky) and Kari Hogue (Chris); 13 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Ronald (Linda), Billy (Sandy), and Mike, Jr., and one sister, Pam.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2023 in the Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Please send contributions to UNCC Children's Hospital. Online memorials may be made on the Crumpler Funeral Home website.



Marian Marks
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Marian Marks died Saturday, October 14, 2023, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital, at the age of 61.

She was born May 5, 1962. "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." John 16:22

A service celebrating her life was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, October 22, 2023 at Rockfish Grove Freewill Baptist Church. Viewing was held at Doby Funeral Home on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Interment followed at Highland Biblical Gardens.



Steven Mohr
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Steven Michael Mohr of Raeford died Thursday, October 19, 2023 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst at the age of 68.

He was born September 12, 1955 to the late William R. Mohr and Janette Mohr. He grew up in West New York, New Jersey. He was in the U.S. Navy and served for six years.

He is survived by a daughter, Corinne Provost and her husband Jake of Laguna Beach, California, and a son, Paul Mohr of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and grandchild Chase Provost; four sisters, Janice Coleman of New Castle, Delaware, Lauren Nagurka of West

New York, New Jersey, Marie Mohr of Newark, Delaware, and Julie Koehler and her husband Bob of Newark, Delaware; and several nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held later. Online memorials may be made on the Crumpler Funeral Home website.

Mary Sitzler

Mary Elizabeth Sitzler (Dee) died Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the age of 70.

She was born March 1, 1953 in Portsmouth, Virginia to Charlotte Peed Sitzler and Luther Moore. She lived most of her life in the Portsmouth and Norfolk area where she attended Woodrow Wilson High School and worked in the dental industry. Most recently she was a resident of Kill Devil Hills where she was caregiver for her mother until Charlotte Sitzler's death in December of 2021.

Besides her mother, she was also preceded in death by Robert Edward Sitzler Sr. She is survived by six siblings including Thomas (Karey), Susan (Margie), Robin Frazier (Tommy), Sam (Donna), Robert Jr. (Jeanette), and James, several nieces and nephews, and grandnieces. Final arrangements are being handled by Crumpler Funeral Home of Raeford.

Early voting continues for city council election

One-stop early voting for the Raeford City Council municipal election is now open and will run through Saturday, November 4, 2023.

The one-stop early voting period for the city council election began last Thursday, October 19, 2023 and closes with the last day of one-stop early voting set for Saturday, November 4, 2023.

One-stop early voting is taking place at the Hoke County Board of Elections, located at 227 North Main Street in Raeford. The hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, November 4 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. There will not be Sunday voting for the municipal election this year.

Election Day is set for Tues-

day, November 7, 2023. Polls in Raeford will be open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Only residents who live in the limits of Raeford and who are registered to vote will be eligible to vote in the municipal election.

There is only one contest on the municipal ballot this year. Three seats on the Raeford City Council are up for election. The board is nonpartisan.

The candidates seeking election to the three seats are Joshua Bain, Johnny Boyles, Cathy Brown, David Conoly, Shirley Hart, Jackie McLean, Ricky Sandy, Charles Tapp, and Shelley Wilburn. See their profiles on the News-Journal website at www.hokenews.com.

Incumbents Bobby Conoly, John Jordan and Mary Neil King, all long-serving members of the current five-member Raeford City Council, chose not to run for re-election.

Voters will be asked to show photo I.D. when they vote in the municipal election. Voters who don't have a valid I.D. can get help with obtaining one from the county board of elections.

More information about the photo I.D. requirement can be found online at the North Carolina State Board of Elections website at <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id>. For more information, call the Hoke County Board of Elections at (910) 875-9062 or email elections@hokecounty.org.



Raeford City Council members Bobby Conoly, Mary Neil King and John Jordan represent 63 years of experience together on the council. Friends and supporters celebrated their time in office with a drop-in gathering Tuesday morning at City Hall. (Catharin Shepard photo)

Council

(Continued from page 1)
downtown, starting years ago with burying the power lines and redoing the sidewalks, was a big step. "The streetscape I would go to, first of all," Jordan said. "We get compliments all the time on our downtown. I don't want to steal anybody's thunder, but the parks. The sewer plant and works, all the work that we've put into all of that."
"We work under what you see as much as we do up top," King said, referring to the work the council has done on infrastructure. "But I have to say this, when people say the town runs well, the town looks good, we just sit

back and smile. Our staff does it. They are amazing. (City Manager) Dennis (Baxley) is excellent. Our department heads are excellent, I can't say enough."
Conoly said the council has been "extremely fortunate" with the city staff.
"We've had a few rough times, we had some changes during our tenure. During our time we've had a few times that were not that successful. But right now, the way I feel, we're leaving everything in good shape, and we hope that good hands will take over," he said.
As they depart from office, the City of Raeford is doing well

financially, Jordan added.
"The city's in great financial shape," he said.
Conoly said he'd like to thank the people of Raeford for the long run in office for all three council members.
"I'd like to thank the City of Raeford people for allowing us to stay on the board as long as they have, and to serve them. It was through their generosity and their electing us, we do appreciate that," Conoly said.
Jordan also said he wanted to thank citizens "for their trust in us."
"It's been a great ride, but it's time," he said.



Chamber holds ribbon cutting

The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Amethyst Consulting & Treatment Solutions, PLLC at the grand opening of their new facility located at 310 Birch Street in Raeford. Amethyst Consulting & Treatment Solutions offers evidence-based psychotherapy to help you and your loved ones achieve family cohesion, recover from addiction, heal past trauma, overcome fears, parent more effectively, save your marriage, and much more! Outpatient Therapy, Multisystemic Therapy (MST), MST for Sexual Behavior, Substance Abuse Treatment, Psychiatric Evaluation and More Treatment Options! Their services target all age groups including adults, adolescents, children, and families. Services are offered in the convenience of your home, school, in one of their office locations, or online.

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VIEWPOINTS

Prayer not just a “churchy” thing

TERRY DOOLEY
Contributing Writer



In an earlier article, I shared that I travel frequently for work. While on the road, I will often phone an old friend or acquaintance (hands-free, of course) to check in, share that I'm praying for them, and inquire about their lives. Why? Because I genuinely care. I love people, and I love hearing about their lives. I love sharing thoughts and ideas and, of course, a laugh or two. Just as I find joy in these human connections, I also cherish my conversations with God, commonly known as prayer.

Prayer isn't just a “churchy” thing. It's a personal thing. Just as relationships can diminish without regular and effective communication, our relationship with God needs consistent interaction, too. Involving God in our daily lives through prayer strengthens our bond with Him. Much like how spending time with someone deepens our understanding of them, a connection with God through prayer brings us ever closer to Him.

I've encountered many who say they rarely pray because they're unsure of how to approach it. My advice to them is this: There are no magic words, and it doesn't have to be fancy. It's simply a conversation between you and the One who loves you most. The Lord's Prayer, as taught by Jesus in Matthew 6:9-13, provides a perfect blueprint for how to pray. Our Father, which art in heav-

en, Hallowed be thy name: Start your prayers by acknowledging God for who He is, our loving Heavenly Father. Recognize His holiness and greatness as you set the tone of honor and respect in your prayer. He is excellent and worthy of our praise. Tell Him how much you love Him!

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven: Before asking for personal needs, begin by asking that His will be done in your life and in the lives of others. His will is to draw all people to Him so that He can foster a deeper relationship with them.

Give us this day, our daily bread: It's okay to ask God for personal needs, whether physical, spiritual, or emotional. Remember, He cares about every aspect of your life.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: This means acknowledging your sins, mistakes, and shortcomings and asking God to forgive you. It also is a confession that you will forgive all who have wronged you. (sometimes this one's hard, but it's something God wants from us).

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: Ask God for guidance and wisdom in every aspect of your life. Ask Him for protection against harmful influences, temptations, and trouble.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen: Finish your prayer by acknowledging God's strength, majesty, and honor. It serves as a reminder of who God is and our place in His great plan. Tell Him how much you love Him. And thank Him for loving you.

If you don't already have a relationship with God, prayer is the first step towards building one. The first step is to ask Him to forgive you of your sins and ask Him to be your Savior. Please reach out to a pastor or someone who has a solid relationship with Jesus to help you with this process. You are about to embark on a life-changing experience!

By positioning our hearts towards Him in prayer, we tap into a peace that defies human understanding. In both good times and bad, prayer connects us to God in a way that brings clarity, solace, healing, strength, purpose, and so much more. Just as chatting with a loved one deepens our bond; prayer draws us nearer to God. It refuels us and helps us prepare for the day ahead and recover from the day behind. It empowers us by knowing that the One who loves us most, truly loves hearing from us. Finally, prayer is our personal, one-on-one chat with the One who will never leave us, forsake us, or hang up on us.

My prayer is that you pray often. Practice reaching out to God more frequently and intimately. Just like most of us dare not leave home without our cell phone, I urge you not to leave home without your prayers! Pray without ceasing, stay in constant contact with the One who loves you most. He is your ultimate “phone-a-friend,” and He longs for you to check in with Him and share your heart and thoughts with Him. Why? Because He genuinely cares. He loves you, and He loves hearing from you. It's true. God loves you; I love you, too, and I am praying for you.

Nap-inducing meals make their way to the menu

COMMALITHA HOLTON
Contributing Writer

I am a seasonal eater. I love hearty and heavy meals in the winter and light and crisp meals in the summer. Fall is finally making its appearance so those nap inducing meals are really making their way into our weekly menu. Some of the easiest, most delectable meals are eaten with a spoon out of a bowl. Soups, stews and chowders although similar have some key differences between them but at their core they are relatable. Stews are broth based and tend to have heartier ingredients, chunky meats and veggies and are a thicker consistency. Soups can be broth or milk based and are usually thinner or lighter. They focus more on the broth and have a greater variety of smaller cut ingredients in them. Many times in soups you'll find the ingredients pureed too. Chowders are cream or milk based, a creamy consistency with chunky ingredients and more often than not focus on seafood.

The recipe I am sharing today is a seafood stew. I just wasn't in the mood for a creamy base but rather wanted to focus on the flavors and textures of the cornucopia of seafood treasures



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found swimming in a tasty broth. This seafood stew is a complete meal on its own. It is loaded with shrimp, scallops, clams and salmon. Add a chunk of fresh french bread to help soak up the bottom of the bowl and you will be in heaven!

Ingredients

¼ cup butter
1 medium onion diced
3 tablespoon seafood seasoning
¼ cup flour
3 carrots sliced
1 pound gold potatoes peeled and cubed
1 10oz bag frozen sweet corn
4 cups broth (chicken or seafood)
½ cup white wine
3 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon seafood seasoning
10 ounces skinless Salmon cut into chunks
1 lb bay scallops
12 ounces extra large shrimp peeled and deveined
6 ½ ounce can chopped clams, drained



Instructions

In a large pot, cook onion in butter until tender. Add flour and Seafood seasoning and cook 2-3 minutes. Add carrot, celery, potato, corn, broth and wine & bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in Shrimp, Clams, and Scallops.

In a separate frying pan, heat 3 tablespoons butter, season the cubed salmon chunks with the seafood seasoning and add to butter in the frying pan. Cook until no pink is left, about 5 to 7 minutes.

Remove salmon and add to stew pot. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for about 8-10 minutes, potatoes will be fork tender.

Enjoy and Happy Cooking!

Hoke Foodies

ADAM STOCK
Contributing Writer

Bella Nonna

This week we are going to examine another food truck, mainly because we just celebrated the 2023 NC Fall Festival and there was plenty to sample.

I've already discussed in detail the beauty and flavors of the LBO Bloomin Onions. And we have also visited the Boba & Bites truck and sampled their



delicious stuffed egg rolls.

This week I wanted to talk about the Bella Nonna food truck that visits us here in our quaint little town and county. I had previously had the pleasure of visiting with them at the Fall Craft Fair at the East Hoke Middle School. Bella Nonna boasts “homemade Italian” and that is exactly what you get, Homemade Italian! The food was prepared fresh to order and even the focaccia bread had a made from scratch taste that was delightfully enjoyable.

During the festival, my wife

Sandy and I enjoyed a chicken cutlet sandwich with mixed greens, tomato and onions on that fresh focaccia bread. Delicious! The only downside was the wait time, which is expected at any festival or fair. It took a while to get our food, BUT... you can't rush a good thing, and good it certainly was!

The next time you are at a local event, look for the food trucks. Find Bella Nonna, explore the others and please let me know what you find interesting and delicious. I'll be there. I hope to see you there too!

Tried to avoid musician chaos for Frog Holler Jam 2023



Frog Holler
Philosopher
Ron Huff

of food, eliminating that worry for me. I told others to bring pass around food if they wanted to contribute. I worked hard to get the yard, gardens and studio area ready so the day of the party would be more relaxed.

Two days before the party, the musicians began to drop out. First, friends who had enthusiastically asked to jam after my guys finished, abruptly said they weren't coming. I then found out that one of the other main players had a work responsibility come up. Getting a little nervous, I called a guitar player who had invited his whole band to see if they were still on. He casually announced that he would be the only one showing up. Wow! Adding insult to injury, he cancelled at the last minute for reasons that are irrelevant.

This was very annoying as I

had arranged the jam to accommodate everyone I could. The good news was that there would be no chaos. The day of the jam, I first heard that one of my best friends, who plays guitar, had some kind of sickness that he was afraid to spread. One hour before the jam, I learned that the singer that was to be the focus of the first session was having a bad reaction to a Covid booster and would not be coming.

I must admit, that I was a little shaken by all of this. Instead of musicians running out of my ears, clamoring to jam, I was now going it alone with my studio guys, who had not expected to have to play as long as usual – usual being six or seven hours.

My good friend Bobby Matthews, a great singer, was here from Baton Rouge. Brother Rusty was ready to do his vocal thing and I sing to fill in the gaps and keep things rolling, so we would get the job done, but I was left wondering what else could happen. We will explore what did happen in next week's adventure.

More later.

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Community service can be easy with Adopt a Highway

To the editor:
Six months ago, my family signed up for the NC Department of Transportation's "Adopt a Highway" program. We chose a 4-mile stretch of Calloway Road because it was close to our house and was in dire need of being cleaned up. We signed up online and picked up our free supplies at the Hoke County Maintenance Yard in Raeford. Within a few weeks, the NC DOT had erected signs on our stretch of road notifying drivers that we were responsible for cleaning up that designated length of Cal-

loway Road.
What's my point? Community service does not have to be complicated. It can be very easy. Cleaning the roadways is one example. We go out whenever we like. Trash bags, gloves, and safety vests are provided for us. We chose our road, and we make our own schedule. We report our working hours and bags of debris collected on a simple online platform. It doesn't get any easier than that.

If you are interested in helping out our community, please consider the "Adopt a Highway"

program. You can find more information about it at www.apps.ncdot.gov. Neighborhoods, church groups, families, and civic organizations should all be participating in this worthwhile program. Let's clean up Hoke County one piece of trash at a time. It's good exercise, and it makes Hoke County a cleaner and better place to live. Oh, and by the way, stop throwing trash out of your car windows. We would all appreciate it!

John Swarbrick
Aberdeen (Hoke County)

Speeding and reckless driving on Camden, King Roads

To the editor:
I've been a subscriber for 16 years and live in a development near King Rd, Rockfish. It seems we've been forgotten that we are Raeford residents. The speeding and reckless driving between Camden Rd and King Rd appears

to be getting out of control. The intersection at King and Rockfish is very dangerous. There is never any State Police or Raeford Police around the area. The population is growing and something needs to be done. Please advise. Thank you for the paper and what you do. Oh,

one more thing we need more use of the classified section. People should list more stuff for sale etc. Thank you and God Bless!

John W. Edwards
Rockfish

Quick honored with Order of Long Leaf Pine

Longtime Hoke County educator Mazie Gates-Quick was honored this month with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor presented by the North Carolina Governor's Office.

Gates-Quick is an economic and business education teacher at West Hoke Middle School. She has worked for the Hoke County Schools district for over 30 years. She was the first person in her family to graduate from college.

Gates-Quick serves as the chair of the school improvement team at West Hoke Middle School. She is also part of the MTSS team, serves as instructional facilitator for beginning teachers, and is Title I coordinator for her school. She was instrumental in organizing a

school parent-teacher organization, which she serves as treasurer and school liaison. She is additionally the AYPYN after-school coordinator to support students' academic and social skills.

Gates-Quick also earned praise for her strong leadership skills and classroom management skills, and for teaching students to think critically, improve and problem-solve.

She additionally worked as the administrative assistant at her church for 20 years, and currently works with the youth choir among other duties. Her education credentials include an associate's degree in childhood education, a bachelor's degree in business education, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, a master's degree in administration



Mazie Gates-Quick

and supervision. She was West Hoke Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2014-2015 and Hoke County Teacher of the Year in 2006-2007, and CTE Business Teacher of the Year 2015-2016.

She is the mother of former SandHoke Early College High School Principal, Dr. Lakisha Gates-Rice.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is given to someone who has performed extraordinary service to the state of North Carolina. State Rep. Garland Pierce presented the award.

Beaver Tales

Sissipahaw Indians which once inhabited Alamance County had relationship with the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina

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Before the Tuscarora Wars began, the neighboring Native nations that were not in direct competition with the Tuscarora Nation often traded, allied with, or sought refuge within the Tuscarora communities. As European colonists entered the Haw River in the 1600s, the region was already active in the participation of the Great Trading Path. Noticing the already present trade hub rooted in the piedmont region, Virginia colonists sought access to the Sissipahaw, Eno, Occaneechi and other Native nations to trade European goods for furs. European diseases decimated many tribes inhabiting the piedmont and central region of the state due to contact via trade. Losing great numbers of their former settlements, indigenous groups in the region migrated to their kin who could take them in, gathered and coalesced into enclaves with similar cultural traits, or even camped out with

possible rivals. An archaeological survey completed on Alamance County in 1986 by professors at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill described the history of the region and the Native Americans that formerly occupied the lands. Experts explained that in 1711 the Sissipahaw were living along the lower Neuse River with the Tuscarora. When the initial conflict of the Tuscarora Wars began, the Sissipahaw that lived with the Tuscarora who would not join them in arms against the North Carolina colonists were driven out of the area. The Sissipahaw then moved south joining the other Siouan-speaking nations near the PeeDee and Waccamaw Rivers. Later in 1712, John Barnwell, who was charged with leading the first expedition against the Tuscarora, recruited twenty-two Sissipahaw to join his campaign.

The South Carolina militia composed of a few dozen colonists and hundreds of Native Americans that was led by Barnwell in 1712 was initially unable to capture and destroy the Tuscarora settlements under Chief Hancock. The Tuscarora Wars worsened the relationship between the Sissipahaw and the Tuscarora Nation, just as it had for the Tuscarora and the Waccamaw. By 1714, most

of the Native Americans that resided in Alamance County had migrated away to safer areas to avoid the tensions that remained between the Tuscarora Nation and its adversaries. The Alamance County Archaeological survey proposed that the Sissipahaw likely joined the Catawba, or perhaps other groups like the Tuscarora. Given that the Sissipahaw sent a contingency to join Barnwell's forces, as documented in his journal, it is highly likely that the remaining Sissipahaw joined their Siouan-speaking relatives in South Carolina. Communication between the English Colonies in America and Great Britain indicated that the Tuscarora that remained in North Carolina following the Wars remained an active threat and barrier to immediate settlement into the interior. For instance, during the year 1717-1718 the Tuscarora attacked the Catawba and Saponi at Fort Christanna in Virginia. Likewise, in 1731-1732 the Tuscarora Nation attacked colonial settlements along the frontier of South Carolina. Bringing awareness to this unique experience helps to better understand the historical relationships between the Tuscarora Nation of NC and the Sissipahaw in Alamance County.

It's still true: it takes a village to raise kids

'Motherhood Mayhem'
A SERIES BY
STEPHANIE HENDRIX

When you hear the term "Village People," I'm sure your mind goes straight to the YMCA complete with visions of a cowboy, police chief, construction worker, etc. When I talk about my village, I'm talking about the proverb that says "It takes a village to raise a child." Or in my case, three. My village is full year round, but I'm especially grateful for my village after these last couple weeks finalizing plans for the events of NC Fall Festival week.



I've written before about the "joys" of being able to have all three kids in the office with me after school. As much as they are loved and well behaved, festival week in the Chamber office is chaotic. There are people in and out signing up last minute to be in the parade or sell at the festival, picking up their vendor packets, asking questions, and don't even get me started on the constant ringing of both the Chamber line and the Fall Festival line. That being said, having to stop to help Jake with his homework, open a juice box, or telling Hannah to stop doing splits in the middle of the floor- can be a little distracting. So I asked for help after school the week of the festival.

Nana was more than happy to help but had an emergency and had to leave out of town quickly. I was unsure what to do, so I did what anybody would have done- panicked. My dear sweet sister-in-law Courtney was crazy enough to offer to pick them up from school Monday-Thursday. She picked them up each day, did kindergarten homework, fed them snacks, and even had pillow fights with them.

Of course, that's not all. With Hannah being a cheerleader this year with Parks and Recreation, that meant she was supposed to be in the parade. How in the world was I going to be RUNNING the parade with the rest of the board and also get her dressed and glittery and dropped off in time? Again, Aunt Courtney came to the rescue. She picked her up, did her hair and makeup, dropped her off and even brought the other two to the parade so they didn't miss out.

With school being out the Friday before the festival, here came another panic. Before too long, my church family came in clutch and let the girls hang out with their wonderful daughter, Lily, until I got off work that afternoon. I'm sure it made for a long day, but they were happy to be able to help.

In addition to working the festival as director, I was also crazy enough to have my Lu-LaRoe booth out on the street for Saturday. This meant I had to be there even earlier to get my own stuff set out before my director shift started. I didn't even start packing up until about 11 pm

Friday night. I went to bed about 1:30 and set my alarm for 3:30 so that I could be out on the street at 5. Thankfully, I had great help there too- setting up and running my booth all day.

My husband Matt took all three kids to the farm Saturday which is absolutely not an easy task. While I was running around crazy at the festival, I had several people telling me they had seen Bailey and Hannah there. Apparently, Aunt Courtney hadn't got enough of them during the week, because she had gone to pick the girls up from Matt so they could enjoy the festival for a little while.

I really couldn't have put in all the hours I did without the help of my "village." Anyone that knows my relationship with my sister-in-law- knows that we bicker like sisters in the best way possible but we would do anything for each other. My husband Matt took care of business at home so many nights after his thirteen-hour shifts that I couldn't even remember the last real meal I had cooked at home for basically the whole month of October. He's probably tired of me telling him how much I appreciate him and I know we are all thankful for the break. I'm so thankful for my family, my church family, my job and the board that came along with it. I still can't believe I get paid to have as much fun as I did last week. Now....it's time to switch from fall leaves to snowflakes! Hometown Christmas will be here before you know it!

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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 SHIP office is located at Hoke County Senior Services at 423 East Central Ave. Raeford, NC. Call for an appointment at 910-875-8588 as soon as possible.**

SHIP SENIORS' HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM



The Raeford Kiwanis Club inducted officers at its meeting last Thursday, October 19. News-Journal publisher and owner Jessy Brown is this year's Kiwanis Club president, pictured with John Jordan.



John Owen, at left, is secretary and treasurer of the Raeford Kiwanis Club.



Raeford Kiwanis Club incoming board members Dr. Tony Santangelo, Rosa McAllister-McRae, Dennis Baxley. Not pictured: Ray Crumpler.

KIWANIS CLUB

Fundraiser makes strides against Alzheimer's

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Editor

An event this Saturday, October 28 will see a family from Hoke County continue a very personal fight against Alzheimer's disease.

Brenda Sutton and her siblings began noticing that something was wrong when their mother, Louise McCollum Edwards, started experiencing memory problems.

The problems were more subtle at first. Then one day, Sutton saw her mother's car parked at KFC with a strange woman getting in the driver's seat and her mother sitting in the passenger seat. As she learned, her mother had become confused, and a kind couple had offered to take her home after getting her address from one of the staff members who happened to know where she lived.

That was the start of a path that continues today with Sutton's team, Lou Bell's Legacy, helping raise over \$13,000 this year alone for research to end Alzheimer's, even while she and her siblings care for their mother.

Edwards was born and raised in Hoke County as the eldest of nine children. She married her husband, Henry Edwards, in 1955, and the couple welcomed five children at their home in the Bowmore area of Hoke County.

The family have been faithful members of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

After graduating Shaw University, Sutton went to work for the state for 27 years, before going to work with a nonprofit organization. She ended up returning home and today helps provide care for her mom.

She can talk all about Edwards' long and well-lived life.

"My mom worked on the farm for a good part of her life, and then she got a job with St. Joseph of the Pines in Pinehurst, working there. She was active in the church, active in the community. She was a very good cook, and showed her love, and service to people by using food," Sutton said. "She would often say, I don't have much money, but I can give you something to eat."

She would can vegetables and help harvest volunteer peas in cotton fields. Anytime someone needed food, she would pull out that food to help feed them.

Edwards was able to live independently for many years, even after her husband passed. But in 2015, the siblings began seeing worrying behaviors in their mother.

"We started noticing little things. Sometimes she would just space out, and when she came back, she would say, 'I went away again, didn't I?'" Sutton recalled.

In 2016, Edwards was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Right away, her doctor in Pinehurst suggested putting her on a medication that could help slow the progression.

"He said there is no cure for this disease, but there is a drug that will slow down the symptoms of it, and I'm going to prescribe that to her. And of course, the drug was Aricept," Sutton said.

The drug did end up delaying the symptoms, Sutton said. And, her family made a plan for her care.

The family has help from professional services, but also takes it on themselves to provide care for their mother. They made sure she always wore her pearls when going to doctor's appointments.

Today, Edwards' illness has progressed to the point she is unable to leave her bed without help, but the 94-year-old is still supported by loving family and professional caregivers. The professional caregivers were even so impressed by the care her family provides, they exclaimed that others could learn from them, Sutton said. Each of the family takes a role, whether it's cooking or shopping, or handling medication or financial needs.

"We've got a little calendar on the refrigerator. My sister in Greensboro, she's responsible for making the schedules. I am

responsible for groceries, cleaning supplies. My other sister is responsible for the finances, paying who needs to be paid...she's also responsible for seeing that Mom's medications are filled. My brother in Maryland, his role is mostly financial as far as caring for my mom. That's how we do it."

Sutton became involved with the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's through a church friend. Eventually she stepped up to take on the challenge of running a team, herself. The team is named "Lou Bell's Legacy" in honor of her mother. Thanks to her years of work with the effort, Sutton has earned the title of Elite Grand Champion for the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's—having raised many thousands of dollars for research into treatments such as the medication her own mother received.

More than that, Sutton continues to be an outspoken supporter of Alzheimer's research efforts. She was interviewed by Spectrum News for a story about a new drug, Leqembi, that could help some Alzheimer's patients, and her mother's story was recently featured on the Alzheimer's Association North Carolina's blog at <https://alzheimersnorthcarolina.blog>.

Others hoping to support the



Louise Edwards, surrounded by her family, who help care for her. (Contributed photo)

effort to end Alzheimer's can get involved. The Alzheimer's Association will hold the Walk to End Alzheimer's this Saturday in Fayetteville at Segra Stadium, located at 460 Hay Street. Check-in opens at 9 a.m. with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. and the walk start at 10:30 a.m. Participants are welcome to come out and support the fight against Alzheimer's.

For more information, or to

look up the Lou Bell's Legacy team, visit <https://act.alz.org/>.

"If we continue raising funds, if we continue making people aware," Sutton said. "The Walk allows you to find out about all of the services and everything that's available to someone who's caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's services for those who are dealing with Alzheimer's. The Walk brings awareness to all of that."

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- 30+ Years NC Turkey Festival (now NC Fall Festival)

Former daycare students celebrate Morrison

Former students of Small World Daycare, operated for many years by Mary T. Morrison, came together October 14, 2023 to celebrate Morrison at an event organized by the students and their families. The brunch in her honor took place at Golden Corral and reunited Morrison with many of her grown-up former students. Among those attending were performing artist and teacher Ladysticks, Bre Hollingsworth-Pierce, Lanice McLean, Donella Kershaw, Vernica Hollingsworth, Tonika McGeachy Dunbar, Chris Fellows, Darius McIntosh, Tracey Morrison, Tammy Morrison, Corey Griffin and Sakellie Daniels.

AOK Adriene did the name tags, Nathan Kemp created the programs, Cassandra Kemp created gift bags, Teresa Kemp did voice over for a slide show located on YouTube. Corey Griffin served as Emcee. The program included a welcome message, prayer, meet and greet, reflections and a memorial, followed by closing remarks from Morrison.

Morrison is a married mother of three with 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Mary T. Morrison and some of her now grown-up students from Small World Daycare. (Contributed photo)

She graduated from Sandhills Community College, and earned an associates' of Biblical studies degree and bachelor and doctor of theology degrees. She was the first female National Guard HHC2/252, first secretary and office manager at Northwest Water Supply, an ordained elder at her church and the first and longest lifetime church member. She is a business owner and entrepreneur and opened the third African-American female-owned daycare in Hoke County.

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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 4

Diabetes Health Symposium will be held from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Robert A. Wright Agriculture Building, 645 East Palmer St., Raeford. For more information call 910-875-3717 ext. 2104.

November 13

BINGO will be held at the Tyllertown 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

A. PANDURE VFW POST 10 meets the second Monday of each month at its Post Home, 145 Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Road at the Raeford Airport. For information contact Commander 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 December 2023)*
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 December 2023)*

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 2023)*

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 910-875-2502. *(expires October 2023)*

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. *(expires October 2023)*

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 December 2023)*

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. *(expires June 2023)*

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 log-in 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.hokegap.com. *(expires December 2023)*

WEEKLY NA MEETINGS www.na.org — Mondays: 8-9 p.m., Hoke County Public Library, 334 N. Main St., Raeford, rear entrance; Tuesdays

& Thursdays: 8-9 p.m., Raeford United Methodist Church, 308 N. Main St., Raeford, rear entrance. *(expires December 2023)*

COUNTY SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, sponsored by Tia Hart Recovery Program is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday at 116 East Elwood Avenue, Raeford. For more information call Shirley Hart at 910-875-0033 or 910-273-6137. *(expires December 2023)*

The PINE HILL BOARD OF DIRECTORS meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Pine Hill Fire Department. *(expires December 2023)*

HOKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS meet the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hoke County Cooperative Extension, 116 W Prospect Avenue, Raeford. Anyone interested in beekeeping is welcome. For more information contact Shannon Newton, Area Horticulture Extension Agent, at 910-875-3461. *(expires December 2023)*

DIABETES SUPPORT meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Hoke County Health Department, 683 East Palmer Road, Raeford. *(expires December 2023)*

DO YOU NEED HOME REPAIR FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE? During Hurricane Florence, if you applied for FEMA and your issues were not resolved, please contact Hoke County Long Term Recovery Group, We Care Connections Building located at The Harvest Church, 409B E. Central Ave., Raeford. Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday & Friday by appointment only. 910-875-5796 or 910-848-0290 (mobile) lisabarnett.hcltrg@gmail.com. *(expires December 2023)*

Any retired person(s) 50 or older interested in participating in or learning more about SENIOR GAMES please call Hoke County Parks & Recreation at 910-878-1255 and speak with Patricia Graham, Senior Games Ambassador. *(expires December 2023)*

ROCKFISH COMMUNITY MEETINGS — Third Tuesday of every month at Rockfish Pack and Ship, Uhaul and Flea Market, 2950 Lindsay Rd., Raeford. Come and discuss community issues and ways to make our community better. Light food 6:30 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m. For more info go to <http://www.rockfishreview.wordpress.com> or call Rockfish Pack and Ship 910-875-6325, Uhaul 910-848-2968. *(expires December 2023)*

FREE BREASTFEEDING CLASS will be held the first Thursday of each month and is open to the community. Snacks will be provided. Call 910-875-2298 to reserve a seat. The class will be held at the Hoke County Health Department at 10 a.m. in English & 11 a.m. in Spanish. *(expires December 2023)*

PINE HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS meet third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Pine Hill Fire Department. *(expires December 2023)*

If you would like to be a part of giving back to our schools and community, please join HCAA, PO Box 2113, Raeford, NC 28376. To find out more about this great organization and to register, please visit our website and Facebook page. Website: <https://hokecaa.wixsite.com/HCAA>; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HokeCountyAlumni/#HokeCountyAlumni> *(expires December 2023)*

HOKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WIC hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted. Call 910-875-2298 to schedule an appointment. *(expires December 2023)*

HOKE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES is open to all seniors 55 and older. Free use of exercise equipment, table games and other games are available everyday from 12 - 4 p.m. *(expires December 2023)*

Hoke County AJROTC defeats Round Rock MCJROTC

In an undisputed contest, shooting their highest score this season, 1006.9 points, Hoke County AJROTC gets the win over Round Rock MCJROTC. Their second win in a row. Hoke County AJROTC was led by Xavier Scott who shot a 271.2. The remaining contributing members were Savanna Boettge, De'Angelo Servant, and Miguel Sanchez Jimenez. They are from Raeford, NC, and are coached by Harold Thacker.

Hoke County AJROTC is competing in the Distinguished Division where they are currently ranked in thirty-sixth place. They have a 2 - 1 record.

Round Rock MCJROTC is from Round Rock, TX, and is coached by MGySgt Thomas Olmeda.

Round Rock MCJROTC is also competing in the Distinguished Division where they are currently ranked in fifty-first place. They have a 1 - 3 record.

Nextup Hoke County AJROTC will compete against Ansbach AJROTC from Ansbach, Germany. Ansbach AJROTC currently has a 1 - 3 record. While Round Rock MCJROTC has a bye week.

The league is a national team league for high school teams and junior rifle clubs. The league has two parts. An 8 week regular season going on now, followed by the post-season.

The Champions Division is reserved for the top teams in the

country. The top eight teams from the Champions Division regular season will compete in a single elimination tournament for the league championships.

In each game the teams compete in what is known as a Three-Position Air Rifle match. The match is modeled after Olympic Rifle competitions but adapted to high school age athletes. Each athlete will shoot 10 shots in three different shooting positions, kneeling, prone,

and standing. Scored in decimal, each shot is worth a maximum of 10.9 points. The sum of points scored in the 30 shots is the athlete's total. The team score is composed of the best four athletes from each team.

The National Air Rifle League is sponsored by Scopos. Scopos is the makers of the Orion Scoring System, the Athena Electronic Scoring Target System, and Results, the worlds first mobile friendly result website

for shooting. Scopos is located in Manassas, VA.

Box Score: <http://www.orionresults.com/team/GamePage.aspx?MatchID=1.1.2023101014005441.1>

Hoke County AJROTC team page: <http://www.orionresults.com/team/LeagueTeam.aspx?TeamID=2296>

Weekly league recaps are available at <https://www.scopos.tech/news/category/national-leagues>.

Rezoning

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of a minimum 8,000 square feet. The planning board held a public hearing for the matter at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 12. The board ultimately recommended approval of the rezoning request. However, after officials found the public hearing notice had not gone to the newspaper for publication, the rezoning will be advertised and brought back before the planning board at the next meeting November 9.

Another item originally up for public hearing at the October 12 meeting, is also expected to be on the agenda at the next meeting. The application for Special Use Permit SU-23-8 was submitted to the county by Raeford Development for the use of Multi-Family Homes on an unaddressed 33.81-acre parcel of land on Philippi Church Road. The property is currently zoned Residential (R-8). The project apparently proposes to

build townhomes on the property. After nearby residents spoke up with concerns about the development, and concerns about the notification for the hearing, the planning board voted to table the matter and instructed county staff to notify everyone within 500 feet of the property of the next public hearing. That matter is also slated to appear again on the agenda for the November 9 meeting.

A third item that was originally on the October agenda, was pulled just before the meeting. "The owner of the unaddressed parcel on Myra Rd, RZ-23-13 has rescinded his application to rezone the property," a sign posted on the door outside the meeting said. Dockery said this week that the applicant has not requested that the matter be brought back for the November meeting.

The planning board took one other action at the October meeting. The board recommended approval of a new subdivision, Blackburn Farm, set to go on a 25.59-acre parcel of land on Philippi Church Road.

The Hoke County Planning Board recommends approving or denying matters brought before the board. Once the board votes to recommend approval or denial, the matter then goes before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners for a public hearing and final vote by commissioners.

Legend

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at the time and at first his family wouldn't allow him to go. "They were pulling guys out of school to join. Everybody was going. All my friends. I decided it was the place to go. But my parents wouldn't sign for me. I knew it was going to be rough, but I didn't know it would be that rough," he said in a June 1993 interview with the News-Journal. Pandure claimed to be older than he really was, and signed up for the draft. After going into the U.S. Army, he was sent to the city of Oran in Algeria, where he trained with the Army Rangers

as one of the first round of Ranger replacements. From there, he and his patriots landed in the city of Sicily in Italy - Pandure's ancestral home country. While in Italy, he met the aunt of Chicago gangster Al Capone, Pandure told the newspaper.

His unit fought throughout Italy until they reached the Po Valley. Then they returned for more training with the intent to invade Anzio Beach, Italy. The Allied Forces changed plans and the invasion didn't take place, but not all of the soldiers were told about

it. The disastrous miscommunication ended with Pandure and other men becoming prisoners of war. "The other groups that were part of the mission were called off. We felt abandoned," Pandure said in a 1993 interview. The Rangers marched all night, even walking through sewage to try and avoid detection, but eventually ended up exchanging fire with German troops until they ran out of ammunition. They were taken prisoner in Sisterna, Italy, with the enemy soldiers holding the lives of American troops from the Third Battalion hostage to demand the Rangers' surrender.

"They threatened to shoot them if we didn't surrender...I thought they were going to shoot us." The soldiers did shoot those who tried to run. Pandure and his unit were forced into a ditch by a German soldier, they were shocked to learn, who had been born in America. "He was born in Brooklyn," Pandure recalled.

The troops marched the prisoners of war through the streets of the town, where people cursed and threw rocks at them. Some of the men had been injured, including a medic, who told Pandure to give him shots of morphine to help ease the pain as the man died.

"I used to have nightmares about it for awhile," Pandure was quoted. Pandure himself was shot in the foot by a stray bullet, and came close to losing his leg to gangrene. A captured American medic and a French medic, allowed to offer medical care to the injured, argued over whether to amputate Pandure's leg. The French medic won out, and stayed up all night to drain the wound.

That was just the beginning of a

year and a half of agony, starvation and constant fear of death for Pandure and his fellow prisoners of war.

"It felt like time stopped, like it was standing still."

The prisoners slept on straw mattresses infested by lice, suffered abuse from the guards, and never had enough to eat. Pandure was put to work in a dairy barn, where he was sometimes able to steal sustenance by drinking some of the cream. He hid it by filling the containers back up with water.

"There were so many prisoners and no food. Everybody lost weight. But the ones who were sent on work detail had it a little better. You could steal food if you worked in a garden. You could steal food if you worked in a dairy barn," he said. Even so, he lost weight, shrinking from 150 pounds to just 100 pounds.

Pandure tried to escape twice, and twice was put in solitary confinement for his attempted escapes. The third time, he and some of his fellows were able to make it out. When new troops took over as guards at the prison camp, Pandure and his group were able to steal horses and a wagon and travel toward safety.

The group made it to a crossing, where they had to pass through Russian lines to get to the American side. "We were on little johnboats and we couldn't cross unless there was a swap. They swapped us for four Ukrainians."

Finally back in friendly territory after 16 months, Pandure and the others were flown to France where they met General and future President Dwight Eisenhower.

The experience left its mark on Pandure. When he returned home, he realized he had lost some of his memories from before the war.

"I forgot about my little sister.

Her feelings were hurt," he recalled.

Pandure went into the Army Reserves for three years and then returned to the U.S. Army.

After returning home, Pandure gained experience in local government as a member of a New Jersey VFW housing board in 1945. He moved to Hoke County when he was stationed at Fort Bragg.

Pandure was elected as commander of the Raeford VFW Post and served multiple terms in that role. He moved to Raeford in 1961. He ran for election to the Raeford City Council - at the time known as the Town Commission - in 1969.

"The town needs improvement and some fresh blood on the board," he was quoted in a News-Journal story.

Although Pandure did not win election to the office, he continued supporting civic and veterans' affairs in Raeford and Hoke County throughout his life. Besides his work with the VFW, he was also part of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Greater Fayetteville Chapter.

Pandure was married to his wife, Bertha M. Pandure. The couple welcomed their three children, Ralph A. Pandure Jr., John R. Pandure, and Denise Pandure.

Pandure died October 9, 1994 at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Durham, at the age of 70. He was buried in the Raeford Cemetery, with full military honors at the graveside service.

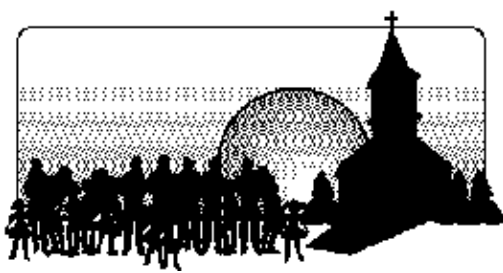
A few years after his passing, friends and fellow veterans chose to name the local VFW post in Pandure's honor. In February 1999, Post Commander George Balch and Hoke Veterans Service Officer Tom Squier unveiled the post's sign bearing Pandure's name. Members of his family were able to attend the event in his memory.

Let us
WORSHIP
Together

Spend some quality family time together.
Worship at the church of your choice.
Our community has a number of churches and a variety of denominations for you and your family.

BAPTIST

Hillcrest Baptist Church
2699 Hwy 401 Business
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Weekly events visit
HillcrestRaeford.com
910-875-6194



APOSTOLIC

**HOLY TABERNACLE
OF JESUS CHRIST**
166 S. Vass Rd. • Raeford, NC
Pastor Venita Brannigan
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study
& Prayer - 7 p.m.
"A House of Praise -
Where all are Welcome"

Pittman Grove Baptist Church
4921 Pittman Grove Church Rd.
875-5045
CHURCH SERVICES
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Meal
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Ken Williams

Cyber attack

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data and pressured victims to pay by threatening to release the stolen data. The application of both tactics is known as 'double extortion.' In some cases, malicious actors may exfiltrate data and threaten to release it as their sole form of extortion without employing ransomware," according to the CISA guide.

Register of Deeds offices deal with records such as death certificates and land deeds that are already available for the public to see. Brayboy said it's still unknown why the attack happened or what the attacker intended to do.

"Our vendor doesn't know at this time," she said.

Cumberland County's Register of Deeds office likewise had disabled some features of its website due to the attack.

For more information on ransomware and other cybersecurity issues, visit <https://www.cisa.gov>

LEGAL DEADLINE: FRIDAY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE

E-mail legals to:

jessica@thenews-journal.com

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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 RANDEL ABEJACOB FILE NO. 22 E 255

All persons, firms and corporations having claims for RANDEL A. JACOBS deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Joan P. McGirt, Administratrix of the estate of the decedent at 1354 Andrews Rd. Red Springs, NC 28377 on or before the 25th 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 25th day of October, 2023.

Joan P. McGirt, Administratrix
For the estate of Randel A. Jacobs
1354 Andrews Rd.
Red Springs, NC 28377
35-38P

CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF JOHN ROUNTREE BLANCHARD, JR. FILE NO. 23 E 269

All persons, firms and corporations having claims for John Rountree Blanchard, Jr. deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Ruth Dawson, Administratrix of the estate of the decedent at 511 Tuckahoe Rd., Atkinson, N.C. 28421 on or before the 25th 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 25th day of October, 2023.

Ruth Dawson, Administratrix
For the estate of John Rountree Blanchard, Jr.
511 Tuckahoe Rd
Atkinson, N.C. 28421
35-38P

Invitation to Bid

Lumbee River EMC is seeking proposals for Lawn Maintenance Services and Cleaning Services from **January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026**, for three facilities: Raeford, Lumberton, and Pembroke offices.

Proposals should be completed and returned to Tina Jones by **November 6, 2023, by 5 pm**. Visit lumbeeriver.com for forms and more information.
34-35C

Public Hearing

Southeastern Community Action Partnership Inc. intends to apply for funds for the Community Service Block Grant program on November 20th, 2023-. There will be a public hearing on November 9th, 2023, over social media (Facebook) at 1:00 pm. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the Agency's proposal for the operation of the Community Service Block Grant program during the program year beginning July 1, 2024. Comments and/or questions are welcome from anyone desiring to do so at any time. Written comments/questions may be sent to SCAP, 4721 Fayetteville Road, Suite B, Lumberton, NC 28358 or emailed to: jacobka@scapnc.org.
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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 James Lee McDilda Estate File No: 23-E-165

All persons, firms and corporations having claims for James Lee McDilda, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Lisa M Koons of the estate of the decedent at 7298 E 43rd Street

Indianapolis, IN 46226 on or before the 25th 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 25th day of October, 2023.

Lisa M Koons
For the estate of James Lee McDilda
7298 E 43rd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46226
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 23 CVD 755

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

v.
WANDA A. PREVATTE;
SPOUSE OF WANDA A. PREVATTE

Defendants

WANDA A. PREVATTE and
SPOUSE OF WANDA A. PREVATTE,

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 430 Page 250, 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: 58487-00-01-286
Property Location: Calloway Rd., Aberdeen, 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 December 4, 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 19th day of October, 2023.

RUDOLPH K. SMITH
RKS Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville, NC 28302
(910) 486-3230
Publication Dates: 10/25/2023; 11/1/2023; 11/8/2023
35-37C

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA RZ-23-15 SU-23-8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to G.S. 153A-323, that the following Public Hearing will be held before the Hoke County Planning Board on Thursday, November 9, 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 General Use Rezoning RZ-23-15 submitted by David Boutwell and Jane Duckwall to rezone the 56 acres of an unaddressed parcel located on Scull Road also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Numbers (PIN) 494560201002. The property is currently zoned Residential-Agricultural-20 (RA-20) and the applicant request to rezone the property to Residential-8 (R-8).

B. Application for Special Use Permit SU-23-8 submitted by Raeford Development for the use of Multi-Family Homes on the 33.81 acres of unaddressed parcel located on Philippi Church Road also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Numbers (PIN/s) 494740001003. The property is currently zoned Residential-8 (R-8).

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.

Jeffery M. Dockery, Planning Director
New Journal Publish Dates: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 & Wednesday, November 1, 2023.
35-36C

GENERAL NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 23 CVD 534

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. ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF SALLIE MAE RUSH, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of SALLIE MAE RUSH", the undersigned Commissioner will at 10:00 a.m. on the 26th 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: 19400-00-01-051
"LYING in Hoke County, North Carolina. Bounded on the North by property conveyed to McKoy as described and recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 87. Bounded on the East by tract 6 as described and recorded in Plat Book 2024, Page 8. Bounded on the South by property conveyed to Cooper as described and recorded in Deed Book 246, Page 240 and Lowery as described in Deed Book 297, Page 491. Bounded on the West by property conveyed to McPhatter as described and recorded in Deed Book 697, Page 232 and Deed Book 697, Page 229 of the Hoke County Register of Deeds Office

COMMENCING at an existing iron rod at the centerline intersection of McPhatter Rd (SR 1102) and South Hilltop Rd (SR 1100).

THENCE, North 50 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds East for a distance of 626.44' to a set railroad spike, flush with the surface of the asphalt, in the centerline of South Hilltop Rd.

THENCE, North 50 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds East for a distance of 7' to an existing iron rod set flush with the surface of the asphalt, in the centerline of South Hilltop Rd.

THENCE, South 10 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds West for a distance of 49.39 to a point on the southern right of way of South Hilltop Rd and the northwest corner of a 30' access easement.

THENCE, South 26 degrees 55 minutes 08 seconds East for a distance of 439.81 to an existing iron rod set just below the surface of the ground, said point is the southeast corner of lot 2, Plat Book 4120, pg 2.

THENCE, South 26 degrees 55 minutes 08 seconds East, 150.12' to an existing iron rod set just below the surface of the ground. Said point being the TRUE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING

THENCE, North 62 degrees 35 minutes 09 seconds East for a distance of 30' across the 30' access easement to a point.

THENCE, South 27 degrees 28 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 250.49' to a point.

THENCE, again crossing the 30' access easement, South 62 degrees 45 minutes 16 seconds West for a distance of 30' to an existing right of way monument at the base of a pear tree.

THENCE, South 62 degrees 45 minutes 16 seconds West for a distance of 691.84 to another existing right of way monument.

THENCE, North 27 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 107.74' to an existing iron rod set just above the surface of the ground.

THENCE, North 27 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 106.70' to an existing iron rod set just above the surface of the ground.

THENCE, North 27 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 33.93' to a set iron rod set flush with the surface of the ground.

THENCE, North 62 degrees 35 minutes 09 seconds East for a distance of 690.46 to a ½" iron rebar, 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 4.13 acres (179,877 sq ft); 0.17 acres (7,513 sq ft) within the access easement. This property description was written and prepared by Michael E. Rogers, PLS, L-4908; ISG, USA (RET), this 1st 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.

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This 2nd day of October, 2023.
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RKS Law
Attorney for Hoke County Tax Collection Department
Post Office Box 2095, Fayetteville, NC 28302
(910) 486-3230
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA HARNETT COUNTY GLENNIS MARTIN SPELL 20 E 61

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Glennis Martin Spell, deceased, late of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at P.O. Box 397, Dunn, NC 28335, on or before January 30th, 2024, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This 20th day of October 2023.
Cecil B. Jones
Attorney for the Estate
Jones and Jones, P.L.L.C.
PO Box 397
Dunn, NC 28335
Telephone No. (910)892-2184
Dates of Publication: October 25th, 2023, November 1st, 2023, November 8th, 2023, November 15th, 2023
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NOTICE OF SALE 23-116324 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 23sp114

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY HARVEY CHRISTOPHER JACOBSEN AND PHYLLIS S. JACOBSEN DATED AUGUST 6, 1998 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 398 AT PAGE 259 IN THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in payment of the secured debt and failure to perform the agreements contained therein and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the secured debt, the undersigned will expose for sale at public auction at the usual place of sale at the Hoke County courthouse at 12:00PM on October 26, 2023, the following described real estate and any improvements situated thereon, in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of Trust executed Harvey Christopher Jacobsen and Phyllis S. Jacobsen, dated August 6, 1998 to secure the original principal amount of \$116,996.78, and recorded in Book 398 at Page 259 of the Hoke County Public Registry. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warranty is intended.

Address of property: 555 Brock Rd, Raeford, NC 28376
Tax Parcel ID: 494660201199
Present Record Owners: Harvey Christopher Jacobsen

The record owner(s) of the property, according to the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Harvey Christopher Jacobsen. The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either 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 offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required from the highest bidder and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. Cash will not be accepted.

This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. After the expiration of the upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

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

The date of this Notice is August 15, 2023.
Jason K. Purser, NCSB# 28031
Morgan R. Lewis, NCSB# 57732
Attorney for LLG Trustee, LLC, Substitute Trustee
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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SU-23-19 SU-23-20

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, November 2, 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-23-19 submitted by Jordan Young for a Class B Manufactured Home to be located at Betty's Trail. The property is more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PIN 794830001123 (0.95) acres and is located in a RA-20 Residential-Agricultural District, which allows a Class B Manufactured Homes as a Special Use

B. Application for Special Use Permit SU-23-20 submitted by Morvel Dell Baldwin for a Class B Manufactured Home to be located at Lois Ln. The property is more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PIN 594040001074 (1.01) 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
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Wednesday, October 18, 2023 & Wednesday, October 25, 2023.
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GENERAL NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE 23 CVD 535

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. ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF WILLIAM MACK, JR., including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of WILLIAM MACK JR.; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF SHARON P. MACK, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of SHARON P. MACK", the undersigned Commissioner will at 10:00 a.m. on the 26th 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: 39413-00-01-044
"LYING AND BEING IN BLUE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP, HOKE County, North Carolina, and BEGINNING at a stake in the western edge of State Road No. 1142 that is located N 27-00 W 460 feet from where the western edge of State Road No. 1142 intersects with the northern edge of U.S. Highway 401; thence S 63-00 W 200 feet to an iron; thence N 27-00 W 100 feet to an iron; thence N 63-00 E 200 feet to the western edge of State Road No. 1142; thence with the western edge of State Road No. 1142 S 27-00 E 100 feet to the point of BEGINNING."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION AUDREY BATTS VINER 23 E 265

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of AUDREY BATTS VINER, deceased of Hoke County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent, AUDREY BATTS VINER to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18TH day of January, 2024, or this notice will be pled in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of October, 2023.

Anita M. Wortman Jones
c/o Lawrence S. Boehling, Attorney
P.O. Box 1416
Burgaw, NC 28425-1416
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lawyer@boehlinglaw.com
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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 LULA J. MCLEAN FILE NO. 04 E 27

All persons, firms and corporations having claims for Lula J. McLean, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to George F. McLean, Administrator of the estate of the decedent 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

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 MARVIN 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
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CREDITORS' NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE 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
32-35C

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 2023.
Debra Haynes Administrator
For the Estate of LUVIE ELNORA GILLESPIE
The Law office of Gregory B. Thompson
138 N. Main Street
Raeford, North Carolina 28376
32-35C

Farmer's Market coming December 2

Organizers will hold a Hoke County Farmer's Market opening Day from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2023.

The farmer's market will be held at McLaughlin Park, located at 202 E. Donaldson Avenue in Raeford.

"We are excited to announce the opening of the Hoke County Farmer's Market. We would love for everyone to come and see us. We'll have lots of awesome ven-

dors for you to choose from," a Facebook group for the event said.

The organizers were still looking for a few bakers to join the market. Those interested can contact the group via Facebook at Hoke County Farmer's Market.



Dog euthanized after being shot multiple times

The Hoke County Animal Shelter euthanized a dog this week after the animal was found suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, according to the shelter's Facebook page.

The female mixed breed dog, who weighed about 30 pounds and was wearing a collar, was brought in to the shelter Monday.

"If anyone is missing this sweet girl I'm sorry to say that she was put down as an emergency euthanasia. It appears that she has been shot 3 times and we did not want her to suffer anymore," the shelter posted on Facebook.

The dog did not appear to have a microchip. The shelter asked that the owner contact them to identify the dog.

In comments on the post, shelter staff explained that

they did not believe the dog could have survived her injuries with veterinary care. She was apparently shot through the neck and out of one eye, and on her side and a hind leg, with each shot having entrance and exit wounds, according to the shelter.

"I'll never understand how anyone can be so cruel. Sadly every day we see awful cases of people mistreating the animals," a comment from the shelter said.

The post drew anger from residents, with over 140 comments on the Facebook page, nearly all expressing distress over the dog's injuries.

"Dogs deserve better than us," Dana Etheredge Clark commented.

"I'm so tired of hateful people.

Who could do this? Thank you for having mercy on her and for all you do. No one can hurt her anymore," Joyce Glenn Wagster wrote.

"That's the second dog I've heard of this week getting shot. People are cruel!" Jamie Harris commented.

The Hoke County Animal Shelter continues to work to help other animals in need. The shelter has been full for some time now and is always in need of forever homes for dogs and cats, as well as fosters and volunteers. For more information, visit the shelter on Facebook at Assisting the Hoke Co. Animal Shelter, or call (910) 875-4827. The shelter is located at 353 CC Steele Road, off of Doc Brown Road, in Hoke County.



NC Fall Fest golf winners

The NC Fall Festival's winning golf team: (left to right) Steven Inman, Mike Inman, Cameron Inman, Shaun Wilson. (Contributed photo)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month

October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and this year the Town of Hope Mills has created a new initiative to support local victims of domestic violence. In partnership with the Hope Mills Police Department Victim's Advocate, the Town will be placing collection boxes in various public buildings to collect new and used cell phones. Our goal is to collect a total of 79 cell phones. Many law enforcement agencies use the code "10-79" for domestic calls.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-7233/www.thehotline.org.

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Committee

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Castellon made a motion to table the matter until the board's next meeting. That motion also died for lack of a second. Board Chair Angela Southerland asked if a board member would make a motion for the board to discuss the matter in closed session, but the board attorney advised that it could not be discussed in closed session.

Castellon again made a motion for the board to table the matter until the next monthly meeting, and the motion again died for lack of a second.

The school board attorney clarified that Castellon could choose to bring the parent advisory committee back for consideration at a later date, without the board needing to vote on it. Castellon said that he would speak with the board members individually about the matter.

Board approves budget changes

The school board approved a matter brought before them by Interim Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell regarding a change in the capital outlay budget.

Shotwell had previously appeared before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners regarding the matter, but the commissioners asked that it go before the school board first.

The matter involved moving about \$269,000 from other projects originally approved by the school board and commission, to address different issues.

Those issues included a safety matter of a walkway at the county schools' maintenance building that had to be blocked off to foot traffic, due to a problem with the roof. The district had also already used funds to fix a chimney at Hawk Eye Elementary School that also presented a potential hazard. The money would also go to doing work on the floors at East and West Hoke Middle Schools.

In response to Shotwell asking the board for action on the matter, Board Chair Angela Southerland asked why the school district's finance officer had not given a report on it.

"I'm sitting here trying to hold my peace, because everybody's reporting money except for the

person that should be reporting money," Southerland said.

"No, I actually asked him for me to come up here and do this, and I'm superintendent, and I am doing it tonight," Shotwell said in response. The two continued a brief exchange.

"Who is 'him'?" Southerland asked.

"Are you talking about Dr. Hunt?" Shotwell asked.

"No, I'm talking about Mrs. Richardson. She's the finance person," Southerland said, referring to school district Interim Finance Officer Willena Richardson.

"She's the finance person, but last time I checked, she's not in charge of capital," Shotwell said.

"And the last time I checked, she's finance," Southerland said. "Yes ma'am, she sure is," Shotwell said.

"Does anybody have any questions?" Southerland said. "I need a motion to table this until we talk with Mrs. Richardson about this."

Vice Chair Catherine Blue spoke up to say that Richardson was present at the meeting.

"For the safety of the children in the schools, I think we need to continue to talk about it," Blue said.

Richardson spoke to say that she had been out due to the death of her granddaughter, which was why other school administrators brought the issue before the board.

"That's the only reason that they're standing there," Richardson said.

"You're agreeing with these numbers?"

"I sat with them and we discussed it. We've been discussing this long-term because if that maintenance building does not get fixed and those maintenance men get hurt, then that's a bigger problem for us," Richardson said. She also commented that the district had gone ahead and fixed the chimney issue at Hawk Eye Elementary because of children's safety.

"The commissioners asked that we come back and make sure that you guys are okay with it, but all of these things need to be done and we can't wait on them," Richardson said.

"I understand that, but at the same time, these are things that need to take place prior to that,"

Southerland said. "I understand the safety of the kids, I'm not crazy, I have kids in Hoke County Schools. So I understand safety. But I understand, what needs to be done, be done right. That's what I understand."

Blue made a motion to accept the proposal and give Shotwell approval to bring the matter to commissioners for the additional capital outlay request.

"Only because Mrs. Richardson is okay with it," Southerland said in supporting the motion. The board voted unanimously on the matter.

Later in the meeting, Shotwell apologized to Southerland "for being so curt."

"Madame Chair, I'd like to apologize for being so curt earlier. Thank you," he said.

Southerland then asked for a motion to go into closed session which was on the agenda.

Pay increase for substitute teachers

The board voted unanimously to increase pay for both certified and non-certified substitute teachers, to bring the pay level more in line with surrounding counties.

The pay for non-certified substitute teachers was increased from \$98 a day to \$117 a day, and for certified teachers, the pay was increased from \$135 to \$150 a day. Before the increase, Hoke County Schools was listed as offering one of the lowest amounts for non-certified substitute teachers among surrounding school districts. Whiteville City offers \$97.50 and Richmond offers \$98 for non-certified substitutes, while Cumberland offers \$113 and Moore and Robeson counties both offer \$120 a day for non-certified substitutes, according to the numbers.

Enrollment less than expected

Hoke County Schools ended up having a lower enrollment at the start of this school year than estimated, and due to that, can expect an adjustment from the state in how much funding is allocated to pay teachers.

In the 2020-2021 school year, school districts in North Carolina were "held harmless" with fund-

ing based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM). However, the "hold harmless" provision ended June 30, 2023. The 2023-2024 school year funding is based on actual enrollment numbers.

Hoke County, after the first 20 days of school, had 276 fewer students than the state Department of Public Instruction projected. The district was waiting for a final allotment amount from the state, but expected to lose funding for what amounted to approximately 14 teaching positions.

Shotwell assured the district that no teachers currently working would be losing their jobs due to the adjustment. Instead, the cuts would come from vacant positions in the district.

The biggest difference in terms of actual enrollment compared to projected enrollment came in the kindergarten level. The school district expected 753 kindergarteners to start school, but 142 of those "didn't show up," Shotwell said. School district staff were working to make adjustments in the state and federal allotments to balance the school budget better, the interim superintendent said.

Other business

In other business during the meeting, Southerland requested to table a contract with Meteor Education in the amount of \$3,181,671.78 to pay for the furniture to go inside the new Hoke High building. The board met again last Thursday afternoon in a special called meeting, and approved the contract.

The board additionally took the following actions:

- Approved a healthcare contract for nursing services
- Heard a presentation from a Governor's School attendee
- Heard an update on the impact of the 2023-2024 signing bonuses
- For information, reviewed the selection of John Birath of Building Management Advocate Group as project manager for the Hoke High project
- Reviewed and approved several policies from the NCSBA related to the Parent's Bill of Rights Legislation, with some policies held back for further review
- Approved the NCSBA as hosting platform for Hoke County School Board Policies

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A message from the 2023 NC Fall Festival director

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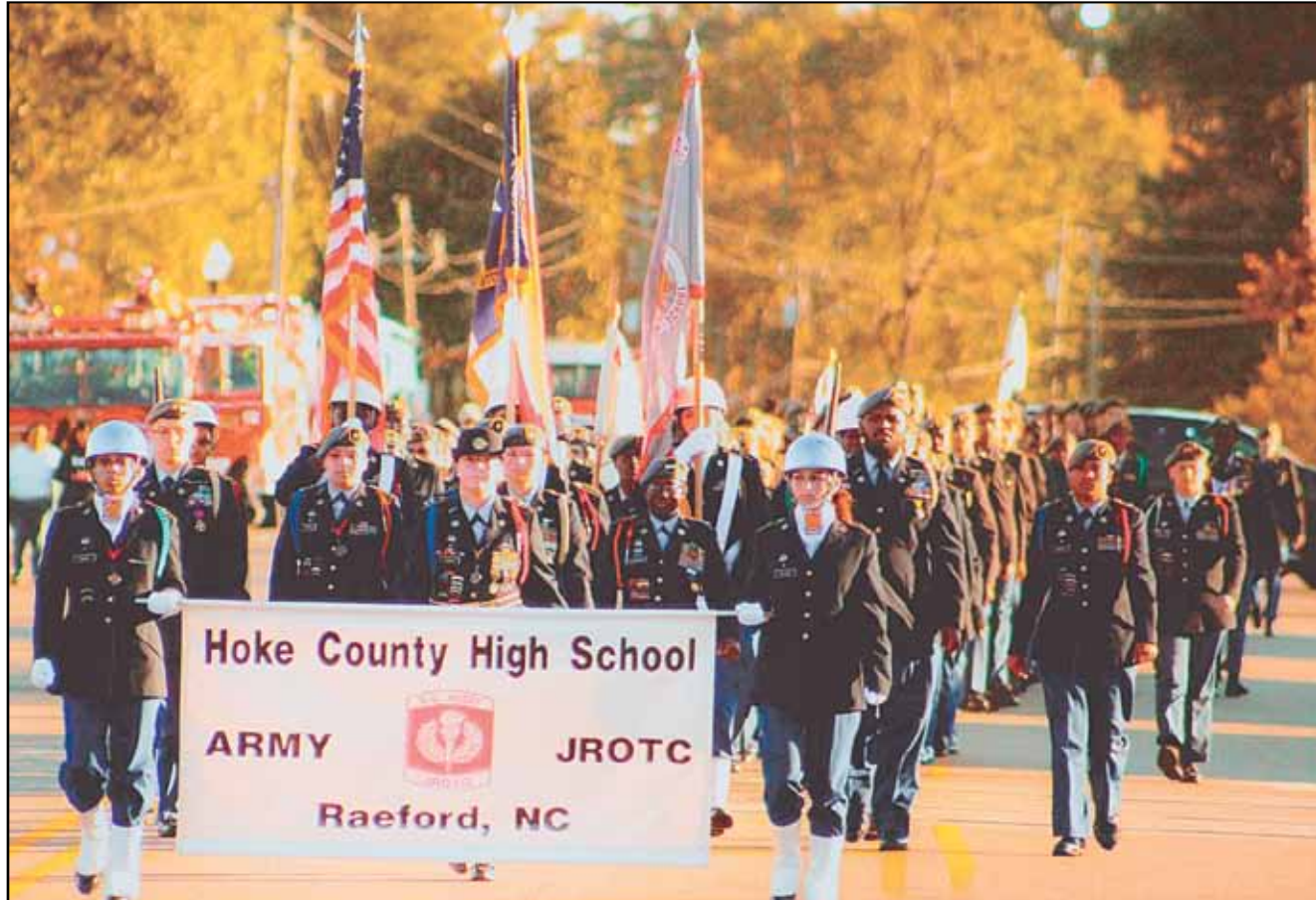
the feedback we've received so far! I believe the food court was a fan favorite this year and will definitely be back next year. We had several reports from different vendors and food trucks that said they SOLD OUT of their product and were just blown away with appreciation of our small town. Raeford may be a small town- but when it comes to the NC

Fall Festival- it's the place to be! As the new director this year, I personally want to thank the rest of the directors for bringing me on board. The NC Fall Festival has been my favorite event hands down as a vendor for over five years. You can ask Mrs. Judy- I've been offering my help for several years now! Below, you may see certain "areas" that each

director is in charge of, but this group truly is all hands on deck- jumping in wherever they are needed, whenever they are needed! There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to make this event a success each year (we start planning in MARCH) and I'm so blessed to be a part of it. Thank you again for your support and make sure you're

following us on Facebook to keep up with us!
Stephanie Hendrix
NCCF Executive Director
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Val Livingston, *Past President*
Jessy Brown, *Financial Advisor*



(Photos by Henderson Teets and Jessy Brown)

2023 NC Fall Festival





Class of 1978 celebrate 45 years

The Hoke County High School Class of 1978 recently celebrated their reunion. These Bucks walked the stage 45 years ago. (Contributed photo)

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Cheerleaders honor breast cancer survivor
 Sandy Grove Middle School Cheerleaders honored Athletic Director Tawanaza Woodson, a breast cancer survivor, and are wearing pink for breast cancer month. The cheerleaders are coached by head coach Tiara Williams and assistant coach Ebony Smith. The cheerleaders are Marianna Cherney, Vanessa Ledlow, Ivy Smith, Kaylee Smith, Jaziah Hailey, Madalynn Unger, Sophia Hayes, Kennedy Judd, Dejah Baldwin, Ava Broady, ZaKiyah Bittle, Nyisha Anthony. Not pictured: Yasheerah McRae.

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SPORTS

Down on the Pitch - Boys Soccer

SCOTT BOUCHER
Sports Writer

The Fighting Bucks took to the pitch for only one game last due to having a bye on the last day of play in the regular season. The Bucks hosted the Patriots for Senior Night this evening. Seniors Leo Ramirez and Dinari Bascombe (Sr) would find the back of the net on this night but it would not be enough as the Patriots scored two goals in a two minute span to win the game 4-2.

The night was about the seniors as the team showed their appreciation for all that they have done for the program. Team program recognized the following seniors; Jesus Tolentino-Nill, Hector Cardenas Resendiz, Daniel Gillis, Mohamed Diallo, Johnathan Pena, Diego Angeles-Chavis,



Seniors prepare for their final home game. (Photo by Estephanie Tolentino)

Dinari Bascombe, Jordan Sept, Lukas Heim, Leo Ramirez, Abiel Demeza-Soriano, David Flores, and Reynell Capellan Reyes. Coach McDavid, his staff, and all

of us who are fans of Hoke High School Soccer is proud of our seniors, and we wish them all the best as they pursue their goals for the future.

It's A Runners World - Cross Country

SCOTT BOUCHER
Sports Writer

The SAC Cross-Country Championships were hosted by Scotland County this year. The Fighting Bucks finished third in the boys overall event and fourth in the girls competition. Overall team results for the boys were: Pinecrest 25, Union Pines 44, Hoke County 67, Lee County 116, and Richmond Senior 140. In the girls event the teams scores were: Pinecrest 18, Union Pines 51, Richmond Senior, and Hoke

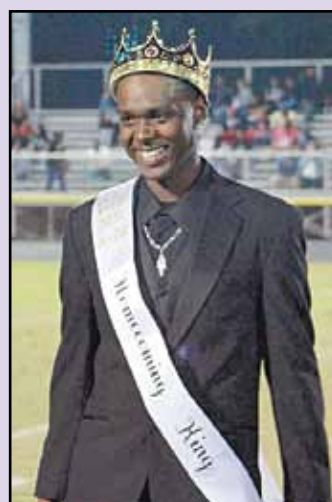
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The Bucks placed three on the All-Conference team. Senior Nakel Jacobs (7th) and Junior Isaiah Fitzpatrick (11th) earned recognition for the boys team while Freshman Harley Hardin (10th) is the first female runner to make All-Conference in many years. The boys team was also recognized with the Conference Sportsmanship Award. The team will now travel Sat. Oct 28, 2023 to the WakeMed Soccer Complex to compete in the 4A Mideast Regional Championships hosted

by Panther Creek High School. The following runners will be representing Hoke County in the boys regionals; Jacob Borman, Isaac Fitzpatrick, Isaiah Fitzpatrick,

Eli Harrelson, Nakel Jacobs, Logan Lupo, Jacobi Simmons. The girls will be represented by; Alondra Resindez Cardenas, Harley Hardin, Riley Kirkman, Haydee Morales, Jolie Perrin, Kymora Poole, Malia Pratt. Good luck to all the runners as they compete for regionals and a place at the State Championships.

Homecoming winners for the Hoke County High School 2023 Homecoming Court



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Mr. Timothy Thomas



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HOKE COUNTY ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Senior D Dinari Bascombe

Boucher: How long have you participated in soccer?

Bascombe: I've participated in soccer ever since I was little

Boucher: What got you interested in soccer?

Bascombe: Seeing my brothers play soccer and watching The Passion my Father has for It

Boucher: You play the defender position now, what other positions have you played?

Bascombe: I've played and experienced all the positions

Boucher: What strengths do you believe you have that make you a great soccer player? What do you believe to be one of your weaknesses and what are you doing to improve it?

Bascombe: My strengths That make me a great soccer player is my drive and determination to win. I believe one of my weaknesses is that I tend to lose motivation if I'm not touching the ball. To improve this I'll learn to fight to the Last whistle.

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

Bascombe: Right now I look up to the Greatest Player of All time Messi, it's always a joy watching him play

Boucher: What advice do you have for younger players coming into the program?

Bascombe: My advice to

younger players is to play Soccer with 100% confidence, to always find ways to improve your game and play with your heart.

Boucher: How have you helped lead this year's team your senior year?

Bascombe: I helped lead My team this senior year by not only motivating and encouraging my teammates, but building bonds with everybody on the team.

Boucher: Have you met all of your individual and team goals to this point in your career?

Bascombe: I've met my individual Goals by training on my own and focusing on my confidence, i've met my team goals by building chemistry with my teammates outside the soccer field.

Boucher: What is your next goal?

Bascombe: Win the Conference Championship and go on to States

Boucher: You are a senior now, what are your future plans, will soccer be a part of those plans.?

Bascombe: My future plans for me is to Go to college and get my degree in computer science and to join the military after I receive my Bachelors

Boucher: What do you believe is the greatest challenge most athletes are facing today?

Bascombe: The greatest challenge most athletes are facing today are mentality and confidence.

Boucher: How have you improved since your freshman year?

Bascombe: I Have improved since my Freshman year technically and physically, I've gained a lot more skill.

Boucher: In what area have your coaches helped you most?

Bascombe: My coaches have helped me the most with building my confidence.

Boucher: How do you want your teammates to view you?

Bascombe: I want my Teammates to view me as a big brother and as a good role model.

Boucher: Do you have any hobbies or interests outside of sports?

Bascombe: My Interest outside of sports are Reaching my academic and life goals of being successful

Boucher: What colleges are you looking at for next year? What school would be your dream school?

Bascombe: The colleges im looking for next year include UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro, Duke, and East Carolina

Boucher: What do you plan to study while in college?

Bascombe: I plan on studying computer science.



Senior Defender #12 Dinari Bascombe (Photo by Scott Boucher)



Bucks huddle up during a timeout. (Photo by Scott Boucher)

Are You Digging It - Volleyball

Fighting Bucks volley for a cure

SCOTT BOUCHER
Sports Writer

The Bucks traveled to Richmond County for the first round of the SAC Volleyball Tournament. The result was a straight set loss

3-0. The Bucks finished the season with an overall record of 8-13 and 4-9 in the conference. The junior varsity finished the season 17-3 overall with a 10-2 conference record. We would like to thank all the young ladies for represent-

ing the Hoke County community playing on the varsity and junior varsity teams. We wish the best for all the graduation seniors and look forward to seeing the younger players moving up to varsity next season.

The Gridiron



Final game captains: #77 Malik Moore, #12 Franajai Ransom, #52 Anthony Morris, #33 Joey Castaneda



Sr.WR #6 X'Zavier Stephens-McIntosh (Photos by Scott Boucher)

Fighting Bucks unable to overtake Patriots

SCOTT BOUCHER
Sports Writer

The Bucks finished the regular season with a 35-6 loss against Pinecrest High School. This year the Bucks made the short trip into Moore County to try and spoil Senior Night for the Patriots.

Mother Nature took her shot first forcing an hour delay to the festivities due to lighting and rain in the area. The game finally started approximately an hour behind schedule. The start of the game looked promising for the Bucks as they took advantage of a Patriot mistake on a punt and received a fumble at the Pinecrest 6-yard line. The Bucks converted the turnover into points with a 1-yard TD run by QB Brandon Saunders.

The Bucks defense held the Patriot offense in check through

the first quarter as the Bucks took a 6-0 lead into the 2nd quarter. The Patriots would continue a drive they started at the end of the 1st period driving to the Hoke County 34-yard line when #23 RB Zymire Spencer found a seam and rumbled for 41 yards. The Patriots would stick to the ground game for most of the drive that resulted in a 1-yard TD run for Zymire Spencer to give the Patriots a 7-6 lead.

The Bucks would be forced to punt on its next drive and the Patriots would not take long to find the endzone again. Starting at their own 20-yard line the Patriots would only need two plays to extend their lead when Zymire Spencer took a screen pass 51 yards to the endzone. The PAT made the score 14-6 with 8:54 in the half. The Bucks would be helped by a roughing the punter call to extend its

next drive but couldn't keep the momentum going as the Patriots forced a turnover on downs at the Pinecrest 45-yard line after a sack. Again the Patriots would utilize a screen pass to reach the endzone. Cole Harrison found blockers to take him 25 yards to make the score 21-6 with 1:33 to play in the half.

Much of the third quarter had the defenses making plays to stop the offensive momentum. The Bucks' #7 Joshua Ferrell intercepted a deep pass by the Patriots at the Hoke County 5-yard line. The Bucks would be forced to punt and on the short field the Patriots took advantage with a TD pass to Cole Harrison and a 28-6 lead going into the 4th quarter.

The 4th quarter would only see one score as the Patriots finished off the scoring with a 10-yard run and a final score of 35-6.

Middle School Sports Round-up

Hoke County's middle school golf team wins the conference championship

SCOTT BOUCHER
Sports Writer

The South Eastern Middle School Athletic Conference (SEMSAC) Golf Team Championship was captured by the Hoke County Middle School team. Hoke's middle school team is composed of golfers from East Hoke, West Hoke and Sandy Grove middle schools. As well as earning the conference title, Hoke County also had an athlete to take home The individual championship. East Hoke 7th grader, Elijah (Eli) Danet was the individual conference champion. Congratulations to the Hoke county team for taking home a well earned



Middle School golfers show off their championship plaques with their coaches after the tournament last week. From left to right: Coach Ivan Street, Caelum Wells, Austin Jones (back), Mason Lee, Elijah Danet, and Coach Kristen Danet. (Contributed photo)

championship trophy. The Middle School golf team is coached by Ivan Street and Kristen Hendrix Danet.

Middle school football

East Hoke: Congratulations are also in order for the East Hoke Middle School football team who beat Carver 14-0 last week.

West Hoke Middle defeated Sandy Grove middle last week and will advance to the divisional championship.

Annual East West Game: White Out

The East Hoke Eagles will take on the West Hoke Tigers Friday night at 6:00 p.m. at Hoke

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