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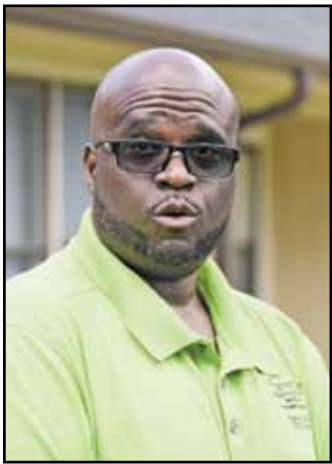
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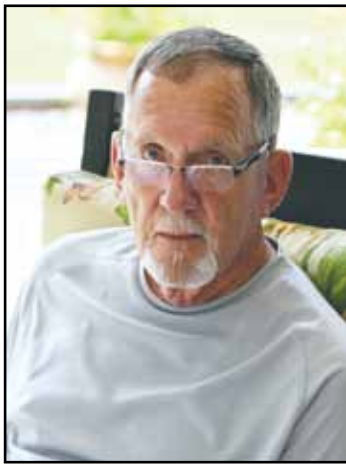
RAEFORD & HOKE COUNTY N.C.

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

\$175,000 mistake goes to board of adjustment Planners allow company to open group home in violation of zoning ordinance



McNeill: Reimburse my company and I'll move.



Shelnutt: The home is a violation of the ordinance.



Commission Chairman James Leach (left) and Shelnutt confer Thursday. (Ken MacDonald photos)

By KEN MACDONALD

Call it a \$175,000 error—a permit apparently mistakenly issued by the county planning department for a group home in the Woodberry subdivision in east Hoke.

A company that operates group homes earlier this year sought and received permission from the county to open one on Woodberry Circle, bought the house, spent \$50,000 renovating it and then was told by planners

that because it's just two doors down from another one—not at least half a mile away as required by the zoning ordinance—it can't be located there.

The error apparently came to light when Gene Shelnutt, whose house is between the two group homes, cried foul. "First of all," he said, "it violates the existing county code. Second of all, would you buy my home knowing it was between two group homes?"

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Supreme Court rules against Hoke company

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A North Carolina Supreme Court Justice this month upheld a lower court ruling in favor of eight commercial farms claiming that tobacco seed they bought from Hoke County-based Cross Creek Seed was mislabeled, leading to poor results when planted.

The ruling means that the farms are legally allowed to sue Cross Creek Seed for damages under a 1963 state law meant to protect farmers buying agricultural seed for planting.

Superior Court Justice Barbara Jackson decided August 18 to affirm the North Carolina Business Court's April 2016 decision

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'Great jobs' coming by year's end, Porter tells chamber

By KEN MACDONALD

Hoke County business leaders gathered last Tuesday to talk of progress, plans and accomplishments. The Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce Economic Outlook Dinner filled the West Hoke Middle School cafeteria with representatives of the smallest businesses to the largest industries.

Most painted a picture of progress.

Hoke Economic Developer Don Porter, for example, told the crowd that big news is coming, though he wouldn't say what.

"You're going to see some announcements that are just going to cause us to have a great

year in this county," he said. "What we have is...we have started out with a saying that our existing industry is our number one constituent. That's our story and we're sticking to it. And by the end of the year you're going to see some projects that are just bring some more great jobs."

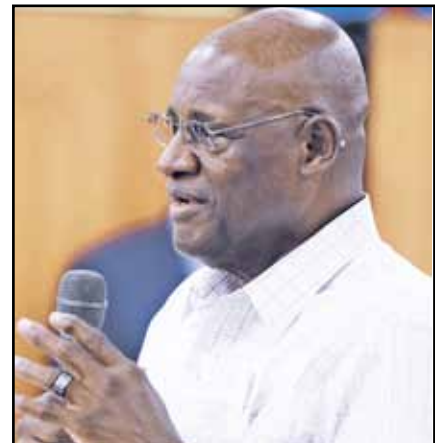
Burlington Industries' new plant manager David Edmundson talked about \$3 million in equipment being invested in Raeford to "keep us sustainable and moving forward and keep us at the top of our industry" in its core work of producing military uniforms for the U.S. government. He also mentioned the company's recent foray into selling yarn. "We decided

about a year ago to really invest in that program and try to grow it and from last year to this year we've doubled our sales, and our forecast for next year is to double that again."

John Miller from Unilever said new technologies are helping the Raeford plant—the world's largest deodorant and antiperspirant manufacturer—to do "more volume than ever."

The entire message wasn't upbeat however. Roxie Wells from Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital said that while both of the county's new hospitals are doing well (Cape Fear had 36,000 visitors, she said), citizens should get in touch with state and federal representatives

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Don Porter speaks at banquet. (Ken MacDonald photo)

Smaller state house district proposed for Hoke

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Lawmakers in Raleigh are currently debating plans that would redraw the North Carolina General Assembly districts and change part of Hoke County's representation, but a panel of federal judges will have the final say in the matter.

Hoke County is currently split

between State House Districts 48 and 66, represented by Rep. Garland Pierce and Rep. Ken Goodman, both Democrats. The State House's proposed redistricting plan would move Hoke County entirely into District 48, Pierce's district, along with Scotland County. District 66, currently represented by Goodman, would change to include all of Montgomery and Richmond

counties and part of Stanly County.

Pierce said that although as a Democrat he doesn't support the overall redistricting maps as drawn by a majority of Republican lawmakers, creating a smaller district for Hoke and Scotland counties as a consequence could be a good thing.

"We just voted on the House maps and it passed along party lines," he said. "The Democrats feel

it's not right but the Republicans feel they've done what the court asked them to do."

Three federal judges last month ordered North Carolina lawmakers to redraw the districts. The panel of judges ruled that 28 districts drawn in previous years were unconstitutional and meant to discriminate against black voters, and must be re-

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Policemen Leonard Wiggins (left) and chief L.W. Stanton inspect a new riot helmet the city received from the state. (September 3, 1970)

47 Years Ago

September 3, 1970

The City of Raeford receives riot helmets from the state as part of a program to improve law enforcement. The city is also expecting to get walkie-talkies and gas masks through the program.

The price of milk in Hoke school increases three cents because of a halt in the federal milk program reimbursement. Milk is now eight cents. Schools Superintendent D.D. Abernethy says he hopes the halt in funds is temporary.

Burlington Industries announces pay increases for employees. Jack Bradford and Graham Pope, managers of the Dyeing and Worsteds plants says the raises are the eighth consecutive annual wage increase.

Representatives of the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad ask for and get approval for a commercial zoning designation on south Main Street.

Someone steals “no trespassing” signs from Camp MacKall, creating a problem for the base. The camp is used for airborne and vehicle training, and highly explosive simulators are installed in camouflaged brush for Special Forces training. The base is trying to get the signs reposted.

North Carolina won’t lose its

Police Department announces Citizens’ Academy

The Raeford Police Department will once again hold its free citizens’ police academy this fall. The academy is an eight-week program that teaches locals about police work and crime prevention.

The academy seeks to foster better communication between citizens and police through education about police practices and services. People who graduate from the academy can then pass that knowledge on to others in the community.

Taking part in the academy gives participants a chance to meet dynamic people, experience real policing education in a team-oriented environment, learn about exciting occupations, form relationships with local law

Dollars for Literacy campaign kicks off

The Hoke County Reading/Literacy Council kicked off its annual “Dollars for Literacy” fundraising drive this week and will continue collecting donations through September 8.

During the annual fundraiser, volunteer canvassers will solicit donations from Hoke residents around the county. The two-week fundraising drive seeks to collect money to help support the Hoke Reading/Literacy Council’s mission of helping children and adults improve their reading ability. The Council works to provide “basic literacy instruction including English as a second language and introductory computer classes, so that all persons served may further their education and build for themselves a better life,” according to the nonprofit group’s mission statement.

The Hoke Reading/Literacy Council has been around for nearly 40 years and in that time has helped thousands of people of all ages learn how to read or improve their literacy skills. The organization offers one-to-one tutoring for children (grades K-8) and adults, small group tutoring in reading and math, a computer-based reading program, English as a second language classes, introductory computer classes, a public access computer lab and a classroom/meeting room with a smart board and projector.



Barbara Tyson and Eric Wowra kick off the Dollars For Literacy Campaign. (September 2, 1992)

federal matching funds for Medicaid as has been rumored. All 100 counties are now paying their share, averting the cutoff.

Now showing at the Town & Country Cinema: “Paint Your Wagon,” starring Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood and Jean Seberg.

Now at Raeford Hardware you can get the “very popular” SPORTSMAN—a portable, durable, life time cast iron indoor outdoor cooker. It’s just \$20.95. Also get a 10-inch cast iron skillet for \$3.45 or a Dutch oven for \$5.25.

25 years Ago

September 2, 1992

Hoke sends relief to Florida for

enforcement, experience the ride-along program and have access to many more opportunities, according to program materials.

Classes are limited to 30 participants and include instruction on topics such as criminal law, patrol procedures, narcotics, K-9 patrol, emergency response, communications, public relations, crime scene processing, accident investigation, firearms training and more.

The class includes one two-hour session every week for two months. Members of the Raeford Police Department and other instructors with particular expertise in their fields will teach each topic.

To attend the academy, citizens must be at least 18 years old –

victims of Hurricane Alexander. A grassroots effort has gathered up a truckload of items that went out Friday. Residents are asked not to send clothing, but bottled water, canned foods, hygiene items, bedding, and towels are needed for future shipments.

U.S. Senator Terry Sanford and Congressman Bill Hefner are visiting the area this week. Hefner met with supporters at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant. Sanford is heading to the Edinborough Restaurant Thursday.

Crime is up in Hoke County, and Sheriff Wayne Byrd says the number of murders alone “frightens” him. Last year a murder per month was average; this year there’s been nine in the first six months.

there is no maximum age – and a resident or employee of Hoke County. Applicants cannot have any felony convictions, or any misdemeanor convictions within one year of application. Each applicant will undergo a criminal history background check before being admitted to the program.

The Citizens’ Academy is free of charge to participants and applications are available at the Raeford Police Department or at Raeford City Hall. Packets should be turned in to the department no later than September 8. The classes begin September 14. All classes are held at Raeford City Hall at 6 p.m. each week.

For more information, contact the department at 875-4251.

support to volunteer canvassers as well.

For more information on the Hoke Reading/Literacy Council and its services, call 875-2145.

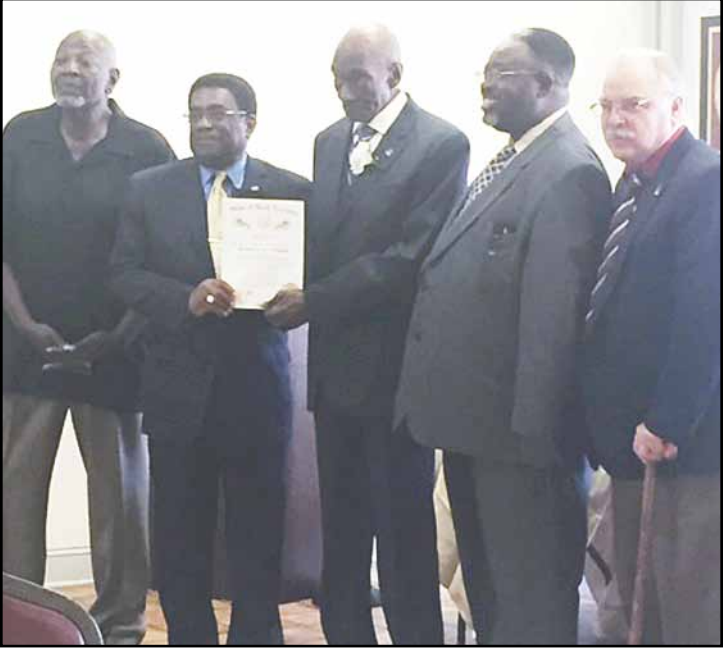
Edwards presented Order of the Long Leaf Pine award

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Elaine Edwards received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, the state’s highest civilian award, Saturday.

State Rep. Garland Pierce presented the award. “Dr. Edwards has been instrumental in the communities and always looking for a way to help in any capacity that is needed,” Pierce said. “Serving 70 years in Ministry is commendable.”

A native of Hoke County and the father of six children, Edwards became pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Maxton in 1954. After serving 60 years he then became the founding member of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Maxton.

He is the founder of the Maxton Adult and Children’s Day Care centers and was president of the Maxton Community Action Association. He is the founder of Tri-County Bible College, and has served on various boards throughout the state and region, including the Maxton Housing Authority, Robeson County Board of Social Services, and the N.C. Social Services Associate Board.



Edwards, center, is presented the award by Rep. Garland Pierce, second from left. (Contributed photo)

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a 32nd Degree Mason and Supreme Prelate and has served as a World Officer of the Knights of Pythias.

He attended Hoke County Public schools and graduated from Shaw University. He received a master’s degree in Guidance

Education from North Carolina A&T State University and Doctor of Letters from Urban Bible College-School of Religious Studies.

He retired from the Scotland County School System after having served as a teacher and guidance counselor.



And now, a Fall Festival contest for the young

The North Carolina Fall Festival is adding a contest for the wee ones. Executive Director Melissa Pittman says she was reminded there seems to be a chance for everyone to compete in something except the smallest children.

To remedy this, a coloring contest of the Festival logo will be held for all children who can hold

a crayon, color inside or outside the lines and are below the age of 5. Coloring Sheets must be turned in by Thursday, September 14 for judging on September 15. The winner of each of the following ages groups, 0-1, 1-2, 3-4 and 5 years of age, will win a prize and have their art displayed with the Art Show entries in the Hoke County Library until November

1 plus have name announced with the winners of the Corn Hole Tournament throughout the day at the Main Event of the Festival on Saturday, September 16.

Entries can be picked up at the Hoke County Library, The Festival Office at 101 North Main Street, North Carolina Fall Festival Facebook Page or can be cut out of *The News-Journal*.

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VIEWPOINTS

Redistricting is again a failure

By BOB PHILLIPS
Common Cause N.C.

This month, North Carolina lawmakers had a golden opportunity to adopt fair, nonpartisan standards for drawing new legislative voting districts. Instead, they opted for politics as usual, keeping partisanship at the core of a deeply flawed redistricting process.

The General Assembly has been ordered by a federal court to redraw dozens of racially gerrymandered legislative districts. This latest round of redistricting comes roughly 18 months after the legislature faced a separate court order to redraw racially gerrymandered congressional districts. Sadly, this is just the latest in a long line of lawsuits and controversies caused by gerrymandering in our state.

And so, the GOP-led legislature had in its hands a chance to finally end the cycle of gerrymandering by listening to the overwhelming majority of North Carolina citizens who want fair and impartial standards for creating our voting districts. Instead, the Republican majority rejected nonpartisan redistricting criteria, guaranteeing that new legislative districts will be blatantly gerrymandered, just as the old maps were.

That's because the district lines are being manipulated with an eye toward past election results. It's the key ingredient for creating gerrymandered maps that provide maximum advantage to the party in power.

How regrettable.

The truth is that many Republicans, including House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger, are on the record as supporting nonpartisan redistricting in the past. In fact, Moore and Berger have sponsored nonpartisan redistricting bills nearly 10 times collectively during their careers in the legislature.

So what changed?

That answer, of course, is that their party is now in charge of the redistricting process and has the power to gerrymander. And to be fair, when Democrats were

in the majority, they ignored all attempts to create a fair redistricting process.

But regardless of which party is guilty of gerrymandering – and both parties are – the result has been the same: politicians shielded from accountability, citizens treated like political pawns and voters deprived of a voice at the ballot box.

We the people deserve better. We deserve fairness, rather than partisan political games, on something as important as the creation of our congressional and legislative districts.

For years, Common Cause North Carolina has been an advocate for redistricting reform. We stood shoulder to shoulder with Republicans when they were the minority party championing reform. And today we stand with political leaders, business owners and citizens from both sides of the political aisle who seek a bipartisan solution to gerrymandering.

Last year, we partnered with Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy to enlist our state's most esteemed retired jurists to produce a sample congressional map without political consideration.

The result was a map that better reflected what North Carolina is: a politically divided, "purple" state. Our jurists were also faithful to the requirements of the Voting Rights Act, resulting in more opportunities for minority representation than the current map drawn by the legislature.

And this spring we worked with Campbell University law students to simulate a nonpartisan redistricting exercise for creating legislative maps. Once again, the resulting districts were more compact and competitive than those created by state lawmakers. The Campbell maps also produced significantly more minority opportunity districts.

While we'd like to hope that lawmakers would draw fair legislative districts, time and again, we've seen legislators instead manipulate voting maps to unfairly favor their own party. It seems that maintaining power at all costs, even by risking costly

litigation, is just too tempting to the party in power, regardless of which party it is.

That's why we the people need to keep the pressure on. We need to demand reform. We need more voices from the right and left. And we need more civic leaders, including local elected officials and members of the business community, to join the cause.

What we demand is a process that is transparent, with true public input. And that means the issue of race must be dealt with where minority voting strength is never weakened by racial gerrymandering.

We demand a redistricting process that is independent, where lines are drawn by someone other than partisan politicians.

And finally, we demand a process that is absolutely nonpartisan, where there is no political consideration looking at past election results, or where incumbents live or how voters are registered.

Last week, North Carolina citizens were provided with a brief chance to weigh in on newly proposed legislative districts. Unfortunately, the proposed districts were released – without important accompanying data – less than 72 hours before the hearing, leaving the public without the tools to fully examine the new districts and how they will impact their communities.

Since that time, it's become painfully obvious that the new maps represent, as many had feared, yet another egregious partisan gerrymander. Now, just days after having ignored repeated demands from hundreds who testified that they head back to the drawing board, lawmakers are poised to pass these maps into law.

The bottom line: Yet again, state lawmakers have dropped the ball when they rejected the chance to draw fair voting maps and instead perpetuated the decades-old cycle of gerrymandering in North Carolina. It was a tragic mistake and one that may come back to haunt them in the not-too-distant future.

Bob Phillips is the Executive Director of Common Cause North Carolina.



Annie Bell Farmer turned 100 this month. Nine of her children were on hand for a celebration recently. On the back row are Cleveland Jr., Mattie, Harvey, Thomas, and Harry; and on the front row, Annie, Lillie, James, and Helen. One child, Ivory, was absent, and one, Linnie, is deceased.

Celebrates 100 years

Annie Bell Farmer turned 100 this month, and family, friends and community leaders gathered to honor her. Acknowledgements were read from the office of Governor Roy Cooper, Mayor John K. McNeill, Sheriff Hubert

Peterkin and Trinity Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey. Presentations were made by State Rep. Garland Pierce and Hoke Commissioners James Leach and Harry Southerland. Greetings and recollections were

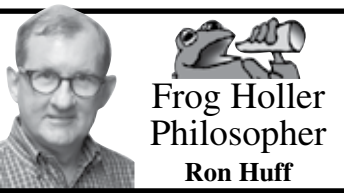
extended by Benny McLeod, who has known "Bell," as he affectionately calls her, since childhood. Farmer was married to Cleveland Farmer and is the mother of 11 children, nine who were present.

Some companies get it right

My last two columns complained about how sorry our politics, and many of the services we count on, have become and how society's low expectations allow this. I am a positive person in spite of how I spout off about these conditions. It is my high expectations of myself and the people that I deal with that make poor performance such a disappointment. Fortunately, there are many people and companies that are getting it right and who live up to my expectations.

I recently set up a lunch meeting with my friend Wilfred Paradise who thinks I need to turn my attention away from politics and focus on some good food. Wilfred, by the way, is a good example of a person whose work ethic and standards of performance set him apart from most in his profession, one that traditionally provided careful, thorough work but which has degenerated significantly in my opinion. Wilfred continues to hold the flag high and dig through the messes made by less competent practitioners. Wilfred suggested that we eat at Kinlaw's just east of downtown Fayetteville. In my opinion, they have the best fried chicken that I have had around here, and that covers a lot of fried chicken. Although their food is simple, it always meets my high expectations and has never let me down. This is a business I can count on, and I will continue to frequent their restaurant.

The Great Frog Holler Lightning Strike of 2017 left me scrambling to purchase some replacement items including a professional grade performance piano and a high performance



music production computer. In spite of a plethora of music stores in our region, including large corporate ones, the piano whose specifications seemed to meet my needs was not in stock anywhere. I have ordered major items on the internet before, but I prefer to purchase these at local stores to see them in person and in case there are problems. My favorite internet musical supplier is Sweetwater. This company is customer oriented and assigns personal sales representatives to the accounts of frequent customers like me. I get personal emails from my representative on occasion checking to see if I have any musical needs. This is, of course, all about their sales, but I don't mind because they back up their solicitations with service and always meet the best prices advertised.

I called my special rep and expressed my concerns about the fact that I had not been able to actually play the keyboard that I felt would meet my needs. No problem! I would have sufficient time to try the keyboard out and could return it at their cost if it did not meet my (high) expectations. Turns out they were temporarily out of stock but expected it within a couple of days. I explained that I needed it for a job the next week and it might cost them

a sale. The rep said he would call the minute they came in. He called the very next day to say that it was in and he had personally seen it go out on a truck to me. He followed up with emails until it was delivered.

The next major item was a DVD player that also could not be purchased in a local store. Guess who I called! Sweetwater was also out of this item but stated honestly that it would be weeks before they would receive it. I passed and went to another supplier who also gave me good first time service. Next came the production computer. Once again, this was a specialty item that was not available in stores. Guess who I called. Sweetwater got me the computer shipped that day and it was delivered as promised.

We have a handful of restaurants in Moore County that always live up to our high expectations and we go back time after time. We are recognized as regulars who will hold the establishment accountable if the quality is not high. The management takes pride in delivering and in seeing us smiling as we walk out satisfied.

In a service phone conversation last week, a very nice, experienced and understanding person explained that technology has just overwhelmed the field service technicians and the office support workers, and is just moving too fast to adequately keep up with. This is true and will probably get worse but I will still demand high quality service or I will be looking for other suppliers.

More later.

We Get Letters

Rockfish pays taxes for more important people

To the Editor:

I am responding to the letter to the editor concerning the annexation of Rockfish into Fayetteville. I attend most of the Rockfish community meetings. As a result, I learn immeasurable information that directly concerns me as a Rockfish community member. While I have no personal interest in holding an elected public office there are those at the Rockfish meetings that I truly wish would run for public office.

To my knowledge, there is no dispute that Rockfish is the fastest growing area within Hoke County. It is my hope and desire to see the growth properly managed in such a way that the environmental impact is properly considered, that the flow of traffic is taken into account and the value of property is more than just a dollar sign in front of a number. As any good steward, it is my goal to ensure that the overall wellbeing of my fellow citizenry is placed above

all else. That is the driving force behind my words and deeds.

No one person currently serving on the "volunteer" Town Council favors annexation into Fayetteville. Rather we are attempting to educate our fellow community members as to what will likely happen if Rockfish continues to ignore what is happening all around them.

Our very large municipal neighbor has a history of annexation when it becomes economically favorable to them; in recent history they even went so far as to attempt to annex the Town of Hope Mills.

The issues at hand do not simply revolve around services that were lost nor those that are currently provided, but rather the need for the management of growth through sincere and honest leadership for the long-term betterment of the Rockfish area and Hoke County.

My question is do you as a

taxpayer intend to continue to standby and easily allow others to continue to garner taxes and use them in such a way that they do not benefit our community—rather they benefit others as they see fit? It appears Rockfish is the residential tax base paying for those who are viewed as more important than we are. Do you intend to standby and run the risk of allowing a municipal power to come in and take even more; or will you take the hard path? A hard path of self-taxation that ensures our hard earned tax dollars stay within our community and fully benefit our citizens.

Please attend our meetings if you live or work in Rockfish area and be a part of something great.

I hope that all who read this letter understand, and agree that what is good for Rockfish is good for Hoke County.

Earlene Harper



Melon man
Frank Ellis, known to his friends and family as the "Watermelon Man," grew this watermelon that he said tips the scales at 58 pounds. Using potash was the key to growing it so large, he said. Ellis has been growing watermelons for about eight years, but this big melon was a late bloomer that came along at the end of the season. Ellis and his wife Margaret planned to slice the melon and enjoy it.

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Betty Jo Jeffries

Betty Jo Jeffries

Betty Jo Jackson Jeffries, 78, of Raeford went to be with her Heavenly Father August 26, 2017. She was born July 29, 1939 to the late Labon Charles Jackson and Hattie Mae McKenzie Jackson. She made holidays special and made people feel welcomed and loved. Family always came first.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Dorothy Jackson, Kathleen McBryde, Marie Hickman, and Frances McInnis; and her brothers, Howard Jackson, Charles “Mack” Jackson and William “Billy” Jackson.

She is survived by her husband Jerry Jeffries; daughters, Joanne Hollingsworth (Allen), and Gail Frahm (Tim); sisters, Jenny Martino and Carol Tew; brother, Bobby Jackson; stepsons, Wayne Jeffries (Jena), Michael Jeffries (Marcy) and Eric Jeffries; four grandchildren, Nick and Chris Frahm (Anna), and Danielle and Erin Hollingsworth; seven step-grandchildren, Zachary, Christian, Brittany, Morgan, Maggie, Jessica and Victoria Jeffries; and a great-granddaughter, Ava Frahm.

The family will receive visitors at Raeford United Methodist Church Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 10 a.m.

In celebration of her life, a memorial service will follow at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Scotland Regional Hospice, 610 Lauchwood Dr. Laurinburg, NC 28352 or Raeford United Methodist Church Elevator Fund, 308 North Main Street Raeford, NC 28376.

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

Michael B. Foster

Michael B. Foster, 72, of Aberdeen, passed away on August 25, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda (Tina Whitaker) Foster and three daughters, Kendra Collier (Ed) of Sanford, Angie Breeding (James) of Louisville, Kentucky and Erin Torres (Jeff) of Indian Land, South Carolina. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four sisters, Patricia Maness of Robbins, Yvonne Dunn (Sherrill) of Meadowview, Virginia, Juanita Saunders (Jerry) of West End, and Debbie

Cole (Tommy) of West End.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Charlotte Foster; two sisters, Delana and Sandra Kay Foster; and one brother, Donald Foster.

Following his request, there will be no visitation or services.

Memorial contributions can be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Online condolences may be left at: www.bolesfuneralhome.com

William E. Moore

William Everette Moore, 46, of Raeford, died on Friday, August 18, 2017.

The funeral was held on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 11 a.m. in the Purcell Funeral Home chapel, Laurinburg. Burial was in the McLaughlin Cemetery, Raeford.

Online condolences can be made at www.purcellfuneralhomes.com

Frank J. Orians

Frank J. Orians, age 74, of Bluffton, South Carolina and formerly of Raeford, died Sunday, August 13, 2017 at home. He was born on May 29, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan. He was a graduate of Campbell University and was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during Vietnam and retired as major. During his tenure he served as a medic and as a Green Beret with the Special Forces. He was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient. Following his military career he worked as a Veterans Representative at Methodist University and for Hoke County. He was active with Rolling Thunder in Fayetteville and H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group). He was also a member of the VFW, the DAV, and Parker United Methodist Church in Raeford.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Orians; and sister, Rudee Orians. He is survived by his wife of six years, Teresa A. Orians; son, Frank Joel Orians (Sherry); daughter, Michelle Dobbin (Robert); mother, Harriet Menkveld; stepson, Larry Ellis-Palmer (Jessica); stepdaughter, Mary Ellis Meadows (Chris); sisters, Judy Orians and Jean Orians (Jim Blacker); stepbrother, David Menkveld (Nenita); grandchildren, Joseph, Jared, Kendra, and Branda; step-grandchildren, Isabella and Liliana; and great-grandson, Jackson.

The funeral was held at noon, Friday, August 25, 2017 at Sauls Funeral Home, 90 Simmonsville Road, Bluffton, SC 29910 with burial following at Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, S.C. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Births

Timothy and Nikki Landry announce the birth of their first child, Tobias Joel Landry, born on August 19, 2017 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. His proud grandparents are Tom and Lorraine Landry of

Raeford and Darryl and Lisa Yax of Centerville, South Dakota.

The News-Journal accepts birth announcements from area hospitals and directly from parents at www.thenews-journal.com

Correction

The News-Journal incorrectly identified the Health Department Health Educator who presented the annual community health

survey to the Hoke County Board of Commissioners. Health Educator Ulva Little presented the information.

New shopping center opens on US401

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A new shopping center on Highway 401 is now serving customers, offering everything from a spa and a nail salon to a deli and a soon-to-open pharmacy.

Stonegate Village shopping center has been in the works since at least December 2015, when the Hoke County Board of Commissioners approved a conditional use permit request from Township Developers LLC of Pembroke to build a 22,400-square-foot retail space near Pittman Grove Church Road. A company in Carlsbad, California owns the building, which was constructed by Metcon of Lumberton, according to county officials.

So far at least nine businesses have moved into the shopping center,

including TNY Deli, Grill and Pizzeria, Mega Hibachi, Simply Better Seafood, One Stop Barber Shop, Blessings Nails and Spa, Fifth Avenue Salon and Spa, PPI Insurance and a second location for the Hoke County ABC liquor store. There are still a few more spaces open for rent in the center. Rockfish Pharmacy, a drugstore owned and operated by Raeford City Councilman Charles Allen, is also preparing to open its doors in the facility.

The shopping center is located centrally in the Highway 401 corridor surrounded by housing options, businesses and other facilities.

“It puts the term location, location, location in perspective,” Hoke County Economic Development Director Don Porter said.

Stone Gables apartments, the Crossings at Wayside assisted liv-

ing facility, the new Lumber River EMC office, Cape Fear Valley and FirstHealth of the Carolinas hospitals, the Sky Center office building and Paraclete XP indoor skydiving are just a few of the new shopping center’s nearby neighbors.

Even better, Porter said, the location means many Hoke residents won’t have to leave the county to find what they’re looking for.

“When citizens can’t find items and services available, they tend to go across the county line. The location of that facility, I think it’s going to give us the opportunity for our citizens to get those services right here in our county,” he said.

Metcon, which has worked on multiple projects in Hoke County including Sandy Grove Middle School, has built a number of retail

that limited any damages to the purchase price of the seeds. If a farm bought the seed and had a problem with it, Cross Creek Seed was only liable for the purchase price of its seeds, the defendants believed.

However, Jackson found that the limitation of remedies clause couldn’t be enforced because it conflicted with the state’s Seed Law. The legal case has gone through over two years of procedures. In July 2015 the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court designated the lawsuit a mandatory complex business case, and the eight separate suits were combined into one “master file” under plaintiff Komegay Family Farms’ name. In October of that year, attorneys for Cross Creek Seed asked the court for partial summary judgment against the eight farms “seeking to bar recovery of any damages exceeding the purchase price of the seed,” according to court documents.

The court declined that request and also declined subsequent requests. Court officials referenced a similar 1971 court case, *Gore v. George J. Ball, Inc.*, which involved tomatoes instead of tobacco. “Although the Seed Law is regulatory in nature, it does not bar aggrieved parties from pursuing private, civil litigation for damages resulting from mislabeled seed. In fact, certain provisions of the Seed Law clearly demonstrate that the General Assembly contemplated such recourse,” Jackson wrote in the ruling.

The court documents did not describe a total amount of money that the eight plaintiffs may seek in the civil case from Cross Creek Seed.

Attorney Steve Epstein of Poyner Spruill LLP, the firm that represented Cross Creek Seed, declined to comment on the matter.

“We’re not going to have any comment,” he said.

Phone calls to the Ellis and Parker PLLC law firm, which represented the plaintiffs, were not returned by News-Journal deadline.

Cross Creek Seed was founded more than 50 years ago and has shipped seed to countries around the world, with as much as a third of the company’s business dedicated to international trade. As of 2015, the company held upwards of 40 or 45 percent of the United States tobacco market for tobacco seed sales.

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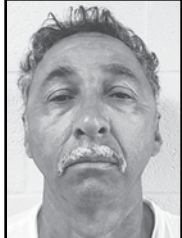
The county ABC board asked for and received commissioners’ support in January to add a second ABC store to the lineup in addition to the existing store in Raeford located at the intersection of Harris Avenue and Laurinburg Road. That store will continue to operate in its current location.

Stonegate Village shopping center is located on the newly created Flagstone Lane, near the intersection of Philippi Church Road and U.S. 401.

Porter said a hotel might be one of the next businesses that will locate to the rapidly growing Highway 401 corridor.

“The growth is unlimited,” he said.

Two charged in break-in



Locklear

for the arrest of another wanted in connection with an armed break-in last week.

Authorities arrested Louis Locklear, 59, of the 400 block of Poole Road on charges of breaking and entering with intent to terrorize or injure and common law robbery. Deputies have obtained warrants for the arrest of Christian Dayne Locklear, 28, of the 300 block of Poole Road on the same charges. Locklear’s arrest is pending.

Residents of a home on the 500

Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff’s Office have arrested one suspect and have taken out warrants

block of Parks McMillan Drive called 911 to report a break-in around 2 a.m. August 21.

“The victim reported that the two suspects were looking for a family member and entered the residence with a weapon. Both suspects left the residence and encountered two additional victims operating the motor vehicle of the family member,” the Hoke County Sheriff’s Office said in a statement. “Both victims were told by one of the suspects to get out of the vehicle and the other suspect took the vehicle and fled the scene.”

Louis Locklear was later located at his residence and taken into custody. He was held under a \$2,500 secured bond.

The victims listed in the report included Jimmy McMillan, Winona Dawn Locklear, Darrel Jeffries and Khalidah Leggett.

Worthless checks charge filed



Davis

Deputies arrested Donald Eugene Davis, 39, of the 8100 block of St. Pauls Road in Lumber Bridge on two felony counts of obtaining property by false pretense and two misdemeanor counts of

Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff’s Office arrested a man last week for allegedly writing worthless checks.

writing a worthless check on a closed account.

Officers called to Hardin’s Food Store Express in May on the 7500 block of Philippi Church Road reportedly discovered that Davis had allegedly several worthless checks and attempted to cash others.

“The suspect was found to have known that the checks were drawn upon a closed account,” the sheriff’s office said in a statement.

Authorities arrested Davis August 19 and held him under a \$2,300 secured bond.

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Contact Person:

Tomi Meachum, Nutritionist II/Breastfeeding Coordinator

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SPORTS

Lights out, Bucks fall 0-2 after power outage

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The Hoke County Bucks football team, hosted the South View Tigers last Friday night for their home opener at Raz Autry Stadium. Not only did the Tigers outrun the Bucks, the power went off in the lighting system at the stadium. It was light enough out that the referees allowed the game to continue after a brief delay.

Turnovers and defense stopping the running game of South View really hurt the Bucks chances of getting their first win of the season. After an off-sides call helped South View maintain possession on the first series, the Tigers punched it in and lead 7-0.

On the first play from scrimmage, Hoke QB KJ Thorpe through an out pass intended for Andrea Pegues and a Tiger defender stepped right in front and intercepted. The Bucks defense held and caused a fumble on the next series and the offense went down and scored to tie the game 7-7 going into second quarter. South View scored again on the next series and led 14-7. The Bucks marched down the field on a Thorpe to Nykeem Shaw big pass play and later scored off a Thorpe 17 yard TD however the extra point was missed and Bucks trailed 14-13.

After a couple of change of possessions the score remained 14-13 at the half. In the start of the second half, Thorpe and Shaw connected again to get the Bucks down the field and then Thorpe hit Andre Pegues for a end zone corner pass and the Bucks went for two and got it and now led, 21-14. Pegues was drug down by the collar in the end zone and the referee standing right in front of him did nothing.

South View having great field position all game long started on the Bucks 48 yard line and drove down the field and scored again after the defense allowed the play to continue with an off-sides call. The Tigers went for two and got it and now the game was 22-21 with nine minutes left in the third.

The Bucks next possession stalled and South View got the ball back on their own 13 yard line and marched right down the field and scored a 10 yard run.



Hoke QB #1 KJ Thorpe gets set to pitch the ball to #3 Deazwun Campbell during Friday nights game against South View. Thorpe scored two of the Bucks four touchdowns. Andrea Pegues scored the other two.

The Tigers were now up 29-21.

On the kickoff, the Bucks fumbled the kick and South View recovered at the Hoke 30 yard line as the third quarter ended. After changing fields, the Tigers big pass play continued and the Bucks defense couldn't wrap up and the Tigers scored again to make it 36-21 with 9:29 left. The Bucks did get down the field and score off a Thorpe 6-yard TD run and now trailed 36-27 with 7:00 minutes left.

Penalties on the next series allowed South View to march down field again and score again making it 42-27 and the Bucks offense allowed another interception to end the game. "We have got to protect the football", Coach David Jorgensen said. "We lost the battle of field position, couldn't get stops when needed and just need to have the will power to finish games and we're certainly working on that this week".

The Bucks will travel to Westover this Friday Night and play a Wolverine team that is 1-1 losing to Seventy-First 21-0 and beating Lumberton last week 20-15. Game is set for 7:30 p.m. according to MaxPreps.



The Hoke and South View captains meet at mid field before the game last Friday night. The Hoke Captains were, #54 Mason Locklear, #2 Nykeem Shaw and #58 Isaiah Branch. The Bucks lost 42-27 and fall to 0-2 on the season. Play at Westover this Friday night.

Sports Briefs

Daniels leaving Hoke for The University of Miami



Daniels

Current Hoke women's head basketball coach Sakelie Daniels has accepted a position with the University of Miami Hurricanes women's basketball team and her former college coach Katie Meier. Daniels will be a Staff Assistant in charge of Program and Player Development. "I never imagined leaving home again, my girls, my community or my school but this is a great opportunity for me", Daniels said. She played for Meier

at the University of North Carolina Charlotte before going overseas and playing professionally.

Wolff signed by Patriots



Wolff

The former Hoke County Buck and Washington Redskin Earl Wolff was signed Monday by the New England Patriots. The Patriots have has some key injuries in the secondary and are looking to strengthen their roster. Wolff was released by the Washington Redskins a couple of weeks back. He has spent time with the Philadelphia Eagles, Jacksonville Jaguars, Redskins and now former World Champion New England Patriots.

Just Putting Around

Bayonet

The Wednesday Shootout saw five teams with each team winning or tying a portion of the event. Fridays winners were Ralph Thibeau, Andy Leake and Rich Burger with a -6. The Saturday Skins winners were Tony Brunson and Lou DiCarlo. The Sunday after Church Group saw, Vance McGouglin, Wayne Scholle and

Brian Daniels tie Mike Wood, Caleb Mancuso, Josh Hunter and Bob Heath shoot a -2.

Upland Trace

The Saturday morning group winners were, Tom Batchelor, Al Smith, Kris Taylor, and Russ Langford. The Saturday "Pack" group winners were, Mark Faour, Grady Beasley, Ken Bullock, and John Boyles. The Sunday morning group winners were, Tom Batchelor, Glenn Biggs, Kris Taylor, and Ray McLemore.

Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

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Application for Rezoning RZ-17-5 submitted by Brenda Davis the property at 10679 Aberdeen Road. The property more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PINS 694350001012, 694350001013 the property is currently RA-20 Residential-Agricultural the proposed Rezoning to Highway Commercial District.

Application for Rezoning RZ-17-6 submitted by Tim D'Annunzio the property at Doc Brown Road. The property more specifically identified by the Hoke County Tax Records as PINS 694350001012, 694350001013 the property is currently RA-20 Residential-Agricultural the proposed Rezoning to Industrial District.

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 Department, 423 E. Central Avenue, Raeford, NC. Jacqueline Lowery, Zoning Clerk 26-27C

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First published this the 30th day of August, 2017.
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Post Office Box 1762
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Telephone: (910) 485-2500
State Bar No. 28478
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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
HOKE COUNTY
FILE No. 17 JA 17
IN RE: B.T., a minor female
TO: Hugh Thames, Jr., Father and Nancy Faye Locklear, Mother of B.T. born October 15, 2002 in Durham County, North Carolina. Take notice that a Petition has been filed by the Hoke County Department of Social Services alleging that the above named juvenile is neglected and dependent. You have a right to be represented by a lawyer at all stages of the proceeding. If you want a lawyer and cannot afford to hire one, the Court will appoint a lawyer to represent you. You may hire a lawyer of your choice at any time, or you may waive the right to a lawyer and represent yourself. You may contact the Clerk of Court of Hoke County at (910) 878-4100 to request a court appointed lawyer or for further information. If the Court determines the allegations in the Petition to be true, the Court will conduct a dispositional hearing to consider the needs of the juvenile and enter an order to meet those needs. Upon proper notice and hearing and a finding based on the criteria set out in N.C.G.S. § 7B-1111, these proceedings may end with your parental rights being terminated. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to respond, Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Petition.
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This the 9th day of August, 2017.
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Randy D. Blackburn, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Camilla M. Blackburn, Administratrix, of the estate of the decedent at 120 Autry Loop, Raeferd, NC 28376, on or before the 2nd day of December, 2017, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.
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Of the estate of Randy D. Blackburn
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COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
BRUCE ALLEN BURLEY
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Bruce Allen Burley, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to James R. Burley, Administrator, of the estate of the decedent at 325 Remington, Carthage, NC 28327, on or before the 25th day of November, 2017, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administrator.
This the 23rd day of August, 2017.
James R. Burley, Administrator
Of the estate of Bruce Allen Burley
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CREDITOR'S NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL COURT
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COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
WILLIAM JOHN WOOD, JR.
17 E 121
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Of the estate of William John Wood, Jr.
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And
Lindy Carol Whitley, Co-Executrix
509 N. Jackson St.
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24-27P

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IN THE GENERAL COURT
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COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
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Clara P. Hines, Executrix
Of the estate of Catherine D. Patterson
139 Ridgeview Dr.
Raeferd, NC 28376
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IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
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SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
HOKE COUNTY
17SP119

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY KEITH MARTIN SHRADER AND ANGELICA SHRADER DATED JUNE 30, 2010 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 905 AT PAGE 716 IN THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA
Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 11:00AM on September 13, 2017 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Lot Number 39, in a subdivision known as Revision of Cobble Ridge, and the same being duly recorded in Plat Slide 388, Page Map 1, Hoke County, North Carolina.

And Being more commonly known as: 156 Drew St, Raeferd, NC 28376
The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Keith Martin Schrader and Angelica Schrader.

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

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagee has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.
The date of this Notice is August 23, 2017.
Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells
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This is August 22, 2017.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
DRA 14251085
NORTH CAROLINA
HOKE COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
BEFORE THE CLERK
17 SP 88

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY SHARON JOHNSON DATED August 25, 2010 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 911, PAGE 909, HOKE COUNTY REGISTRY, TO FRANCES JONES, TRUSTEE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by SHARON JOHNSON dated August 25, 2010 to FRANCES JONES, Trustee for BRANCHBANKINGANDTRUST COMPANY, recorded in Book 911, Page 909, HOKE County Registry; default having been made in payment of the indebtedness thereby secured; and the necessary findings to permit foreclosure having been made by the Clerk of Superior Court of HOKE County, North Carolina; the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property conveyed in said deed of trust, the same lying and being in the County of HOKE and State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

1999 Double Titan Homes Brookgreen II, Serial #(s) 49-99-725-03221AB / RAD1141521 RAD 1141522

Being all of Lot 9, in a subdivision known as Peaces Farm, Phase Two, Lots 2-15, according to a plat of the same duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 2-34, Map 007, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.
PID: 494740001390
114 Ten Acre Trail, Raeferd, NC 28376

PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION: 114 Ten Acre Trail Raeferd NC 28376
DATE OF SALE: September 6, 2017
TIME OF SALE: 10:30 A.M.
LOCATION OF SALE: HOKE County Courthouse
RECORD OWNER(S): Sharon K. Johnson a/k/a Sharon Johnson
TERMS OF THE SALE:

(1) This sale will be made subject to: (a) all prior liens, encumbrances, easements, right-of-ways, restrictive covenants or other restrictions of record affecting the property; (b) property taxes and assessments for the year in which the sale occurs, as well as any prior years; (c) federal tax liens with respect to which proper notice was not given to the Internal Revenue Service; and (d) federal tax liens to which proper notice was given to the Internal Revenue Service and to which the right of redemption applies.
(2) The property is being sold "as is". Neither the beneficiary of the deed of trust, nor the undersigned Substitute Trustee, makes any warranties or representations concerning the property, including but not limited to, the physical or environmental condition of the property. Further, the undersigned Substitute Trustee makes no title warranties with respect to the title to the property.
(3) The highest bidder will be responsible for the payment of revenue stamps payable to the Register of Deeds and any final court and/or auditing fees payable to the Clerk of Superior Court which are assessed on the high bid resulting from this foreclosure sale.

(4) At the time of the sale, the highest bidder will be required to make a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the bid, or \$750.00, whichever is greater, with the remaining balance of the bid amount to be paid on the day following the expiration of the applicable ten (10) day upset bid period.

(5) Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving this Notice of Foreclosure Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this Notice of Foreclosure Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.
(6) An order for possession of the property being sold may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession, by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold.

(7) If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Substitute Trustee.

This the 8th day of August, 2017.
SMITH DEBNAM NARRON DRAKE
SAINTSING & MYERS, L.L.P.
Cara B. Williams, Attorney for Jeff D. Rogers, Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 26268
Raleigh, NC 27611-6268
(919) 250-2000
Fax: (919)250-2211
25-26C

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
17 SP 138

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Colby L. Brookens and Nikkole K. Brookens to A. Grant Whitney, Trustee(s), dated the 29th day of July, 2011, and recorded in Book 952, Page 79, in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Raeferd, Hoke County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 10:00 AM on September 7, 2017 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in McLaughlin Township, Hoke County, North Carolina and bounded on the North by lands of John Koenig on the South by Larry Hunt on the West by other lands of Richard C. Davis, and BEGINNING at an iron rod, the eastern most corner of that 4.57 acre tract received by Richard C. Davis from Lois Hair Long and husband, by Deed recorded in Book 262, at Page 759 of the Hoke County Public Registry and running thence with the Larry Hunt line South 89 degrees 23 minutes 29 seconds West 331.57 feet; thence North 09 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East 243.76 feet to an existing iron rod; thence South 50 degrees 58 minutes 55 seconds East 376.62 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 0.91 acre, more or less, and being that 0.91 acre tract as shown on survey for Richard C. Davis in slide 311, Map Number 4 of the Hoke County Public Registry to which reference is also made. Together with improvements located thereon; said property

being located at 330 Morgan Drive, Raeferd, North Carolina. Together with the portion of the easement shown on Plat 311-4 not released by that instrument recorded in Book 839, Page 512, Hoke County Registry and further including rights in and to that easement recorded in Book 839, Page 516, aforesaid registry.

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

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

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A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

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

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

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

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

Hoke County Senior Services has been awarded a \$100,000 Urgent Repair Grant (URP) through the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. The program provides funds to eligible homeowners to correct housing conditions which 1) pose an imminent threat to their life and or safety 2) provide accessibility modifications and other repairs necessary to prevent their imminent displacement.

Eligibility:

1. A minimum of 50% of the units must be owned and occupied by very low income households with special needs based on the 2017 HUD median income limits.
2. The remaining 50% of the assisted units must be owned and occupied by low income households with special needs.

Handicapped or disabled members, defined as follows:

1. A person with a physical or mental condition 1) with an indefinite duration or long continuing duration; 2) substantially impedes the persons' ability to live independently and could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
2. An adult who has a chronic mental illness should be considered handicapped if he or she has a severe and persistent mental or emotional impairment that seriously limits his or her ability to live independently and who's impairment could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.
3. A person shall be considered disabled if they are receiving Social Security Disability, Railroad Retirement Disability, or Supplemental Security Income as disabled, one hundred percent Veteran's Administration Disability benefits or is determined to be disabled by a licensed physician.
4. A person whose sole impairment is alcoholism or drug addiction shall not be considered handicapped or disabled under the Urgent Repair Program.

Others eligible:

1. A single-parent with at least one dependent child in residence.
2. Have five or more persons living in the home
3. Have children below the age of 6 whose elevated blood levels are between 10uy/d1 and 20uy/d1.

Applications will be taken by appointment at the Hoke County Senior Service's office at 423 East Central Avenue in Raeferd. Applications will be taken beginning September 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 between 8:30am-4:30pm. Please provide a copy of your deed to the home, a copy of your current benefit letter from the Social Security Administration and other income statements if you are receiving additional income. If we do not receive qualified applications Hoke County Senior Services reserves the right to open the application process back up to continue taking applications at a later date. For more information or to make an appointment please call 910-875-8588.

NOTE: This is not a housing rehabilitation program. Only specific repairs/modifications in accordance with the goals listed above will be considered.

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Group home



Gene Shelnutt (left) listens as Darrin McNeill explains his side of the controversy. Each man says he has nothing against the other, and the issue isn't personal. (Ken MacDonald photo)

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On Thursday, Shelnutt sat on his front porch near the entrance to the subdivision—at the spot where he estimated 15 to 18 people were to protest the home that afternoon. The protest was called off a few hours earlier, he said, because organizers learned of a possible counter-protest.

“We didn’t want anything that would cause a confrontation and it be made something that it’s not. We’re not protesting Mr. McNeill; we’re not protesting the people that he helps; we’re protesting the violation of Hoke County’s zoning code,” he said.

Darrin McNeill, to whom Shelnutt referred, is the CEO of Serenity Therapeutic Services, the company that is seeking to open the home.

McNeill says he had permission on two occasions to open the home. “It wasn’t until I was told I could put my facility here—twice—and I purchased the home and I started to make renovations to the home that I was told, ‘oh, you can’t put one here.’”

His account is not disputed by County Planning Director Robert Farrell. “It was a permit that was issued in error,” Farrell said. “We consulted with our county attorney;

it was determined that we would be able to rescind that permit, which was done. He said the matter has been appealed to the board of adjustments, which will hear the case Oct. 5.

McNeill says he has nothing against Shelnutt or others in the neighborhood, but he has operated according to the rules. “I followed the procedures—the policies and procedures—for the county to open a facility.

“I’ve been in the business for almost 20 years. I have six facilities in Hoke County. This is not my first time starting a group home. I’ve done this for a long time,” he said.

“If the county has that big an issue, fine, it was your mistake; own up to it, I’ll give you the amount I paid to purchase the home, and the amount I spent on renovations. The county—I don’t care who—him, the county, don’t matter. Pay me, and I’ll move. I’ll find somewhere else to go.

“This is a \$175,000 mistake. We’re not talking about some change. We’re talking about \$175,000 that I’ve spent. And anyone who wants to give me \$175,000, I’ll move tomorrow.

“Allow me to do what you told me I could do twice, or buy me out.”

Meanwhile, McNeill says, he has two residents—one in a wheelchair—who are becoming homeless because of the issue. He’d already made plans to move them into the house, and now can’t. With a 30-day grace period given by the owner of the house where the two currently reside, he has until September 15 to find new accommodations for them.

“They will be homeless. And it’s not fair to them,” he said. “Forget me, the company and everything else. And even the neighbors here who have issues. We have two human beings who have disabilities who will be homeless if the county can’t fix it.”

Hoke County’s zoning ordinance refers to group homes as family care homes. Among its requirements, the ordinance requires:

- they be constructed as single-family houses.
- they not located within a half-mile radius of another.
- those providing primary services to residents must live in the house.
- the house not have outdoor signs or advertising.
- the house not have additional parking.
- the house not create additional traffic, congestion, noise, vibration, odor, glare, fumes or electrical or communication interference.

By definition the homes are for adults and may have two to six residents.

The half-mile radius specified by the ordinance is reflective of state law, which forbids local governments from requiring special use permits or variances from zoning law in the case of group homes, but allows the half-mile separation.

Anti-discrimination cases in courts across the U.S. have sometimes overturned regulations that limit the separation requirements for group homes, but in a couple of cases in North Carolina the half-mile requirement was upheld.



Spells real good

The team “Habeus Spellus” took first place at Hoke High School in the United Fund Spelling Bee Saturday. (A couple of them can spell backwards.) Left to right: Riley Sutherland, team mascot, Gina Sutherland, Anne MacDonald, Sarah Blakeny-Pope, and Candace Hayworth. The team won after correctly spelling “woebegone.” Proceeds from the bee go to United Way charities in Hoke County. (Contributed photo)

Districts

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worked. The judges did not call for special elections, but ordered that the state approve and put in place the new district maps by September 1.

There is still ongoing debate on the boundary lines and the judges will have the final word on the issue, Pierce said.

However, a two-county House district for Hoke and Scotland would be “ideal,” the state representative said.

“It’s just a win-win for those two counties, so I can’t argue that point,” he said.

Currently Hoke is split into two larger districts including Montgomery, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland counties in District 66 and Richmond, Robeson and Scotland in District 48.

A smaller district will allow the elected state representative to focus more time and attention on Hoke and Scotland counties, and based on the population estimates a Hoke-Scotland district would be “ideal,” Pierce said.

Goodman, who represents District 66, would also see his district shrink from five to three counties under the redistricting plan.

State Senate maps

The proposed senate maps,



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Pastor’s Third Anniversary
September 3, 3 p.m.

Word of Life Temple, Inc.
Youth Night/Bible Explosion
September 6 & 13, 6 p.m.

Pastor Aide Service
September 24, 3 p.m.
Youth car wash
September 30, 8 a.m. until
Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Men & Boys Prayer Breakfast
September 9, 8:30 a.m.
Grandparents Day Celebration
September 10
100 Men in Black, 100 Women in Black
September 17, 3 p.m.
Senior Choir Anniversary
September 24, 3 p.m.
Word of Life Community Church
Carnival

as currently drawn, would not change Hoke County’s State Senate district. State Sen. Ben Clark represents all of Hoke County and part of Cumberland County for District 21.

However, a proposed change in the map in Cumberland County would extend the boundary line about five miles in a sliver of land to include a house Clark owns located just outside his district. The house is in State Senate District 19, which is currently represented by Sen. Wesley Meredith, a Republican.

Clark’s original residence is located in Hoke County, in his own district, according to public records. Members of the General Assembly must live in the district they represent for at least a year before running for election, according to the North Carolina Board of Elections.

Records show that Clark voted to support the boundary change. Clark also attempted to introduce a plan this week to move much of Fort Bragg into District 21, but the measure did not pass and was not included in the proposed map the Senate approved along party lines Monday, according to reports.

Calls to Clark’s office seeking comment were not returned by News-Journal deadline Tuesday.

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

September 16, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
NOTICE: In order to keep our Special Worship up-to-date we are adding an expiration date to the following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our listings after the expiration date, please call (875-2121), fax (875-7256) or email (robin@thenews-journal.com) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

Hoke County Schools Prayer Circle. Continue to pray for your schools. Churches, contact schools to see what you can do to help. (expires October 2017)

Now Generation Inc. & Now Generation Radio - a youth mentorship & development outreach inspirational & informational radio. Times every 4th Saturday from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on WMFA 1400 AM. Join us on Facebook at NowGen Radio or website <http://www.nowgenmedia.com/> (expires October 2017)

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Military service-connected meetings
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
RALPH A. PANDURE VFW POST #10 meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at its Post Home, 14 Hanger Lane, Raeftord Airport, Raeftord. For information, contact Commander John F. Harry at 910-987-9821, email johnfharry@yahoo.com or visit vfw.org. (expires September 2017)
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS - Hoke County Chapter 17 meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory, Teal Drive. For information, contact Adjutant George Balch at 910-875-4410 or e-mail: gbalch@nc.rr.com. (expires September 2017)

Chamber

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to get help in the health care and insurance debates. “It would be easier if we could depend on elected officials to ensure that we have the money we need,” she said.

County Commission Chairman James Leach touted the county’s new wastewater treatment plant and said it’s where growth will come from. “We thank you the taxpayers for letting us use your money to build that plant. We opened that plant this year and it’s already making some dollars for Hoke County.”

The chamber dinner began as a mullet roast before 1990.



Bobby Conolly, representing Raeftord City Council, speaks at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. (Ken MacDonald photo)

—COMMUNITY CALENDAR—

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

August 27 – September 8
Hoke Reading/Literacy Council’s Annual “\$ for Literacy” Drive begins. Volunteer Canvassers will be soliciting donations from the citizens of Hoke County during the two week drive. You may give your donation to a Volunteer Canvasser or bring it to the Literacy Council located at 125 W. Elwood Avenue. Your donations will help Hoke Reading/Literacy Council carry out its mission “Providing basic literacy instruction including English as a second language and introductory computer classes, so that all persons served may further their education and build for themselves a better life”. For more information contact us at 910-875-2145.

September 5
COFFEE WITH A COP will be held at Hardee’s at 4 p.m.

September 13
There will be no SENIOR CITIZEN’S BINGO at the Hoke County Public Library.

September 17
The 57th Conolly/Conoley family reunion will be held at Antioch Presbyterian Church Sep. 17, 2017. The reunion will be after church service. A covered lunch will be provided by attendees. These are descendants of Daniel Conley and Nancy Campbell.

September 19-24
The HOKE COUNTY FAIR IS BACK! The new Hoke County Fair at Rockfish Speedway and Fairgrounds will have entertainment, live music, midway, carnival rides, games, exhibits, dirt racing, comedian, wrestling, helicopter rides, carnivals. Exhibits will include Home and Garden, Farm Exhibit, Petting Zoo, School Robotics, Military Appreciation Day, Beekeepers Association, Amateur Radio Operators and Chili Cook-Off. For more information visit www.HokeCountyFair.com.

September 20
The Hoke County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council will hold its next regular meeting at 1 p.m. in the conference room of the Hoke County Public Library on Main St. The public is invited to attend. Lunch will be provided. Contact Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator at 910-494-4380 if any questions.

September 22
Hoke County Parks & Recreation will host the 13th annual SENIOR CITIZEN’S FISH FRY in the LE McLaughlin (senior room), 423 E Central Avenue, Raeftord, from 12 – 2 p.m. The event is free to all seniors ages 50 and older. We will accept the first 80 participants to register by calling 910-875-4035 with your name and phone number.

October 17
Hoke County Parks & Recreation presents the NC STATE FAIR SENIOR DAY TRIP. The cost will be \$15.00 per person regardless of age and the fee is (non-refundable) to ride the bus. We will accept the first 75 participants to register and pay no later than September 29. Admission to the fair will be as follows: senior citizens 65 and up free; ages 13-64 will be \$10.00 and children 6-12 will be \$5.00. For more information call 910-875-4035 or 910-878-1255.

October 28
The 16th Annual Hoke County Diabetes Health Symposium will be held at the Hoke County Senior Room, L.E. McLaughlin Building, 423 East Central Avenue, Raeftord, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Hoke County Public Health Advisory Council and Community Partners. For more information call the Health Education Office at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106.

December 14
Hoke County’s HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS will be held on Main Street, Raeftord, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Contact Raeftord Hoke Chamber of Commerce for booth information at 910-875-5929.
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