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Clark wins Hoke Clerk of court race to go on ballot

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer Candidate Robert B. Clark III carried his home county of Hoke against candidate Billy King in the state Senate District 21 race.

turned out to the polls in

low numbers for the runoff Tuesday night, Clark had also election, which included several state races as well as the local senate race. Hoke King's 47 percent with 46 out voters cast 861 votes in favor of Clark and 78 votes in favor of King, including early vot-Hoke County voters ing and absentee ballots. As of News-Journal deadline

captured 52 percent of votes in Cumberland County over of 63 precincts reporting. The preliminary count won't be final until the canvas.

No Republicans filed to (See ELECTION, page 6A)

Clerk of Court Smith dies



Russell C. Smith

Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court and long-time school board member Russell Smith died Saturday at the age of 54 after battling cancer.

Smith was deeply involved with local education. He taught social studies at Hoke County High School and coached sports including football and wrestling. He was elected to three four-year terms on the

Hoke County Board of Education and often served as chairman of the board.

Smith returned to school to earn his law degree in 1993. He graduated from Campbell Law School and began working in the legal field. He was elected Clerk of Superior Court in 2010 and was serving a fouryear term at the time of (See SMITH, page 6A)



When firemen arrived, it was too late—the building was engulfed in flames. (Contributed)



George "Skip" Autry (left) is bringing in one last harves with neighbor Henry Pickler. (Catharin Shepard photo)

Raz's family harvests peaches one last time

By Catharin Shepard

"Raz" Autry, who passed away in April

Five Points Grocery burns

destroyed a grocery store near the Carolina Horse Park, authorities said.

Monday at the 5 Points Grocery on the 3200 block of Calloway Road. Shortly after

A Monday morning fire the alarm went off, a driver Sheriff's Office and Med1 passing by called 911 and reported the building on fire.

The Pine Hill Fire De-An interior burglar alarm partment along with North sensor went off at 5:15 a.m. Raeford, West Hoke and Crestline fire departments and the Hoke County Rescue Squad, Hoke County

responded to the scene.

Fire Chief Tommy Nelson of the Pine Hill Fire Department arrived on the scene first and reported heavy fire showing from the structure. Firemen arrived a moment (See FIRE, page 6A)

Staff writer

It's the last peach season at Autry and Son farm.

The peaches came early this year, ready to be picked sooner than George "Skip" Autry III could remember in almost 30 years of helping out on his dad's orchard.

It's a bittersweet harvest – the first the pickers have brought in without George

at the age of 85. It will also be the last, as the family has decided it's time to move on.

"The family, the three kids, my mother, my wife, we sat down and we plan on keeping the farm, but we're converting it back over to crop land, and then I planted pines, about 11 acres of pines. I want to be able to keep it, but I don't want to be tied down to it like I am (See PEACHES, page 5A)

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Residents don't like Galatia road change



The proposed solution would make the road more dangerous, residents say.

Exchange students casualty of growth in school system

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

A family seeking to host a German student was surprised when they learned Hoke County Schools and Hoke High School are not accepting exchange students.

Hoke High School's principal has

a policy of not admitting foreign exchange students and the school is too full to offer space for an exchange student, according to emails from officials and information from the school system.

Bobbi Jo Sonon's family recently returned to Hoke County after a long (See EXCHANGE, page 6A)

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

The state Department of Transportation is considering changing an intersection close to the Hoke/Cumberland county line and some residents aren't happy about the proposal.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold a hearing in Fayetteville July 26 to take public comments on a proposal to turn Galatia Church Road into a dead end near the intersection with Stoney Point Road.

That inconveniences and endangers Hoke travelers, residents say.

"NCDOT proposes to create a dead end for

Galatia Church Road before its intersection with Stoney Point Road. This will create a three-way intersection with Stoney Point Road in Fayetteville," according to a public notice. "Access to Galatia Church Road would change from Stoney Point Road to Gillis Hill Road."

The proposal is one option state engineers suggested to make the intersection safer, officials said. The four-way intersection of Galatia Church Road and Stoney Point Road popped up on a state computer program that monitors accident data because of the number of accidents that have happened there: 35 over the last five years, NCDOT Project Manager

(See GALATIA, page 5A)



on a female. McKenney was not provided bond for 48 hours following his arrest due to the matter being a domestic related assault.

The arrest came after detectives investigated a call from a woman reporting that the suspect attempted to choke her and then threatened her with a firearm, according to the Sheriff's Office. Further investigation turned up other information about the events, which led to McKenney's arrest.



McKenney

iff's Office arrested Clyde McKenney, 40, of the 100 block of Eulon Loop in Raeford on misdemeanor assault

of assaulting a woman. Deputies with the Hoke County Sher-

15 on charges

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Viewpoints

We're losing our community

The demise of the Raeford Woman's Club is probably but a point on a slope of general decline in Raeford's and Hoke County's state of community. But it's disheartening nonetheless.

Though there is still life out there yet—the Turkey Festival, Relay for Life, the Raeford-Hoke Museum—many organizations that drew their strength from the dedication of citizens and their own drive to be involved are dead or dying. The Jaycees and Lions are gone. Kiwanis struggles to maintain membership. Partners in Education, the Chamber of Commerce—you can argue even churches are suffering for the same reason—we've lost our sense of community. Maybe it's partly due to a transient population in the east and partly because we've grown to the point we no longer know our neighbor. Maybe young people don't value community. Maybe we're all a little more individualistic or, frankly, selfish.

Whatever. It's sad.

We're becoming a bedroom community that is losing its community.

We cannot live in isolation for long. If we prefer television or Facebook to life among each other, if we do not care to vote, if we do not want to tax ourselves to educate other people's children, if we want to live and be left alone, we will eventually pay the price.

Smith exemplified the things we value

BY KEN MACDONALD

At Russell Smith's funeral I looked around the church—by Raeford's standards, it's a pretty big one—and it was packed. The demographics were notable too people of different races, different ages, probably different economic backgrounds. The room of people was testimony to what we in Hoke County value, and that's because Russell epitomized it.

We value each other, despite racial differences. Russell was white, but he was a member of the mostly black Civic League, and apparently he had been slipping out the back door to visit a black church too. That makes me proud, because despite differences in style, we in this county worship mostly the same God, and really it's shameful we don't join each other a little more often in church.

We value wisdom. Russell was gentle and couldn't be rushed with his opinions. He learned his manner partly from the Andy Griffeth Show and drew some of his humor—something else we value—from Andy and Barney, somehow managing to infuse Sunday School teaching with lessons from Mayberry.

We value civic and political involvement. Russell cooked pancakes with the Kiwanis and for awhile chaired the Hoke School Board. His last job was an elected one, and local lawyers will tell you he had the clerk of court's office humming.

We value team sports. Well, not me so much, but I do value the lessons taught and learned on the field—about working hard for something, working together, learning from a coach and older players, sacrificing if need be, and how to just be nice when things don't go your way.

We value education and more specifically our children. That's where Russell's heart was even after he changed professions. He had been a teacher and coach, but even after going to the dark side of

law, he sank himself into education of kids in Hoke County.

On Facebook there were numerous posts from former wrestlers and football players, and from his former students. "So, when I was a teenager I hit a very rough patch," one wrote. "My life was spiraling out of control and I had no-one to really help me get a grip. I had a tumultuous relationship with my family, and we were all feeling a lot of pain. So I got to that point where we feel we are about to break, and there was a hand for me. When I was losing it, a teacher helped me find my feet. I can't express how influential my US History teacher was in my life. Some of the best parts of the man I've come to be can be rooted in Russell Smith."

When we lose a good fellow, it is fitting to name the things for which he stood that we value.

In that way we acknowledge he left the place better for having been in our midst, and we set a mark for what we do with the rest of our days.

Need to prepare for influx of seniors

Our area has attracted a large number of seniors. Some who were stationed at Fort Bragg fell in love with the area and decided to remain afterretirement. Also, there are those who left the area when they were younger who are now returning to spend their senior years at home. Then there are the "baby boomers" that have reached the age where they are conceded as "seniors." This causes a few problems, not only for our area but also across the country. The elder group is growing very rapidly and services are needed for this group. I have often spoken of the two new hospitals that are being built in Hoke County. But there is a third medical facility being built in Hoke County. It is the FirstHealth facility on 401 north of Raeford. This center in many ways is to be geared to seniors. The plan is to have an operating room for orthopedic surgery. With seniors, this type of surgery will be in demand. If this growth of seniors continues, the majority of our population will be seniors, and we must be prepared to meet their needs.



Having more medical facilities in our area will attract more seniors to Hoke County. Not having to

Services can be reached at 910-875-8588. Senior Services has participated in a number of programs to assist seniors. During this hot weather they have given more than 70 electric fans to those who were in need of them. Through Unilever, they have helped families to build ramps to make their homes more accessible for the handicapped. Senior Services was able to assist 34 families with rents, mortgages and utilities with funds from FEMA. For more information, contact Hoke County Senior Services at 875-8588. North Carolina has become one of the most attractive retirement states for seniors, so more attention must be paid to their needs. Also, our politicians must recognize the vote of seniors can be the deciding factor in many of the elections.



They chose millionaires over teachers

By CHRIS FITZSIMON N.C. Policy Watch

The more you consider all that happened in the disastrous 2011-2012 General Assembly session, the clearer it becomes that one of the defining moments came during the Senate budget debate last month when Republican leaders refused to allow debate about a tax cut for millionaires in a budget that was slashing education funding and ignoring eugenics victims.

Democrats offered an amendment to cap what was billed as a small business tax cut to make sure that only small businesses would receive it. The News & Observer had reported a few weeks earlier that the tax break was also going to millionaire lawyers, owners of medical practices, private equity partners, even some well-heeled lobbyists.

The tax cut cost the state \$336 million a year. The amendment that Republicans refused to allow Senators to vote on would have saved \$141 million by allowing only small businesses to receive the break and used the savings to lessen the damaging cuts to public schools and pay for compensation to the survivors of the state's with a similar result. Senate leaders again refused to allow a vote. After the session, Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger again boasted that Republicans had passed tax relief for small businesses, a claim that House Speaker Thom Tillis also made.

Berger also repeated a line that is part of the Republicans' talking points - that they did the best they could in the budget with the "money they had available."

No one pressed Berger much on the fact that almost half of the "small business" tax break went to millionaires, significantly reducing the money they had available and forcing deep cuts to public schools and the university system.

This week Berger was asked the question directly in an interview with the Greensboro News & Record. Reporter Travis Fain asked Berger why he didn't cap the tax cut and use the money saved for education.

Berger's reply was that it was a small business tax cut because it targeted the first \$50,000 in income "so the businesses that will benefit from that are by and large small businesses."

The News & Observer story pointed out that the partners in the Winston-Salem based law firm Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice will all receive the tax break and that the firm had revenues of \$279 million in 2011. That's quite a small business they have there.

Then Berger said it was difficult to cap the tax cut, which makes little sense since the tax code is filled with ceilings and caps. And even if it wasn't perfect, wouldn't it make sense to try to keep from giving millions of dollars to the wealthiest people in the state when you were firing thousands of teachers?

Finally, Berger resorted to the catchall "what we were trying to do was to leave more money in the private sector."That echoes remarks made by Senator Bob Rucho that somehow giving millionaires another \$3,500 a year would encourage them to hire somebody.

Berger must also think that the \$44 million golden parachute given recently to former Progress Energy CEO Bill Johnson was a good idea. That money too is in the private sector.

Berger and fellow Republicans will keep trying everything they can to deflect attention away from their unwillingness to cap the tax cut to make sure that only small businesses receive it.

They don't want people in North Carolina to know the truth - that they chose millionaires over

travel to Cape Fear or Moore County hospitals for treatment will be a plus for many seniors. In some cases, the travel time to a hospital out of the county can mean the difference between life and death.

Another advantage of having the new hospitals in our area is that they will attract more specialists to Hoke County. At the present time, if a person has a problem that requires a specialist, they must travel to Duke in Durham or Chapel Hill to find physicians or surgeons in their particular field. Having a number of hospitals, dealing with all types of medical problems, will attract more specialists to this area.

There are a number of services for seniors that may not be known to many. The Hoke County Senior With Hoke County becoming a more active medical center, more seniors will be interested in moving to our area, so expect a greater influx of seniors.

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Mistrust of corporations has consequences

By Scott Mooneyham Capitol Press Association

In North Carolina and across the country, a strange dichotomy exists these days when it comes to public discourse about business and the promotion of a strong business climate.

At the state legislature, elected representatives pass bills designed to limit what they call "burdensome regulations." They put forward proposals that they say will improve the state's business climate by promoting "tax fairness."

At a campaign stop, Republican gubernatorial nominee PatMcCrory pledges to make state government more responsive to the needs of business, to cut out onerous, unnecessary and redundant regulation.

These themes are being repeated by Republican and Democratic politicians and business leaders across the country.

McCrory's most recent public comments on the subject came as Duke Energy CEO Jim Rogers was responding to questions about whether company officials had duped state regulators regarding who would head the company formed by the merger of Progress Energy and Duke Energy.

Elsewhere in the world of big business, regulators looked into whether banks manipulated a key interest rate that determines other interest rates, like those that you pay for home and car loans.

Barclays Bank of London has already admitted involvement. One of its traders, in an email thanking a colleague for the manipulation, wrote, "Dude, I owe you big time! ... I'm opening a bottle of Bollinger."

A piece in the New York Times recently asked, is this kind of manipulation any worse than packaging together risky mortgages, stamping them with triple-A credit ratings and selling them to unsuspecting clients? How about then making side bets in the market that the investments are going to fail?

Maybe not.

But it is worth pointing out that any widespread manipulation of interest rates likely cost state pensioners in North Carolina hundreds of millions of dollars, as well as costing taxpayers who make yearly pension fund contributions.

The more important questions raised in the New York Times piece were whether corporate corruption is growing and whether corporate misdeeds have created an historic decline in public trust of big business.

The answer to the first question may be debatable. The answer to the second isn't.

Only one in five Americans has much trust in banks, a level of mistrust that has roughly doubled since 2007, according to Gallup polls. Most Americans believe that corporate corruption is widespread and growing.

This public mistrust has realworld consequences.

Investors leave their money on sidelines, wondering whether to believe anything that comes out of a mouth of a company CEO or an investment banker hawking his or her company.

Without that capital, a company grows more slowly or dies in its infancy. Multiply that company by a thousand, and the economy grows more slowly.

There is a case to be made that too much of the regulation of business is redundant or meaningless. Less regulation, though, implies trust.

And the real enemy of economic growth may be what has occurred in corporate boardrooms across America to undermine that trust. eugenics program.

Democrats tried a similar amendment to another budget bill during the last days of the session teachers and eugenics victims.

But that's what they did, no matter how many times they try to deny it.



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Russell C. Smith

Russell C. Smith RussellCharlesSmithofRaeford died Saturday, July 14, 2012 in his home at the age of 54.

He was born in Wilson County, North Carolina on April 11, 1958 to Coy Dees Smith and Lois Holton Smith. He was a 1980 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He was formerly employed with the Hoke County School System as a Social Studies teacher and a coach. He graduated from Campbell University Law School in 1996 and later became the assistant dean for Student Services at the law school. In 2010, he was elected Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court.

He served on various committees and boards including the Hoke County Board of Education and The North Carolina School Board Association. He was an elder and Sunday School teacher at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Smith of Raeford; a son, Daniel Smith of Asheville; a daughter, Emily Smith of Coats; and a sister, Vicky Hunt of Cleveland, Georgia.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, July 17 at 3 p.m. at Raeford Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jim Braden and Dr. Barry Shoffner officiating. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Raeford Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 128 West Edinborough Avenue, Raeford, NC 28376 or Liberty Hospice, 336 South Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376.

Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneralhome.com.

Henry D. Clark Henry Dean Clark, 57, died



Tuesday, July 10, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Elizabeth Clark; a brother. James Clark: and a sister.

Harriet Bell. Survivors include his wife, Clara Womack; a daughter, Sara Davis and husband Chris; grandsons, Christopher and Matthew Davis; sisters, Emma Hewitt and Lucy Ridgeway; and brothers, Joe Clark and Dan Clark.

A graveside service was held Saturday, July 14 at 11 a.m. in Spring Hill Cemetery in Wagram.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Old Shallotte Baptist Church in Shallotte or Samaritan's Purse. Condolences may be made at pinecrestfuneralservice.com

Rickey L. Cherry

Rickey L. Cherry, 60, of 1028 McPhail Road died Sunday, July 8, 2012, in his residence.

He was an Army veteran. He was preceded in death by

his parents, William Lee and June Priscilla "Sue" Cherry; and a sister, Belinda Lou Cherry.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Victoria Cherry of the home; a grandson, Matthew Cherry of Raeford; a daughter, Dawn Cherry of Belleville, Illinois; granddaughters, Alexis, Alize, and Azalya Gambrell and Ajanae Fields, all of Belleville.

The funeral was held Friday, July 13 at 9 a.m. in Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home chapel in Fayetteville with the Rev. Archie Barringer officiating. Burial was in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake with military honors.

Kevin Taylor

Kevin Taylor, 58, of Raeford died Sunday, July 1, 2012. Survivors include his aunt and

uncle, Dollie Virgil and Carl Virgil. A memorial service was held Monday, July 9 at 11 a.m. in Buie Funeral Home chapel in Raeford.

John R. Maynor

John Rufus Maynor, 62, of Raeford died Saturday, July 7, 2012. Survivors include a daughter, Helen Locklear; sons, Jeff and John II; a brother, George; sisters, Isabella and Shirley; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday, July 13 at 2 p.m. in J.W. Turlington School. Burial was in Mount Zion Church cemetery.

Happy **60**th **Birthday!** A Celebration Party was held July 7 at Virgil's Restaurant with

Queen W. Love

Queen Wallace Love, 90, of Raeford died Saturday, July 7, 2012. Survivors include sons, Richard, Andrew, Thomas, Bobby, Tony, Wallace; daughters, Peggy Davis, Annette, Hazel Lloyd, Esther Patterson, Lillie Pittman; a brother, Charlie Wallace; 38 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 14 at 2 p.m. in Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Henry L. Jefferson

Henry L. Jefferson Sr., 60, of 1372 Rockfish Road died Sunday, July 8, 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Waltenea; sons, Walter Reese, Bobby and Henry; his mother, Mary Blue; brothers, Robert Blue, Willie Blue and Clarence Blue; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 14 at 2 p.m. in Mount Sinai Holy Church. Burial was in Freedom Chapel AME Zion Church cemetery.

Alberta Gumbs

Alberta Gumbs, 85, of 125 Independence Drive died Monday, July 9, 2012.

Survivors include her children. Ambrose James, Iril Graham, Sandra Briscoe, Cordie Dean and Marjorie Armstrong; siblings, Lionel, Leslie, John, Larry, Pearlene, Josie; and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 14 at 11 a.m. in House of God Church.

Hazel L. Archie

Hazel Louise Archie, 70, of Raeford died Wednesday, July 11, 2012.

Survivors include a daughter, Monique McClinton; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 14 at 11 a.m. in Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church in Wagram. Burial was in the church cemetery.

> Charles "Chuck" Lewis Anglin III of Raeford died Friday, July 13, 2012 in FirstHealth Moore

Regional Hospital at the age of 69. He was born on March 17, 1943 in Winston-Salem to the late Charles Anglin Jr. and Mary Lackey Anglin. After graduating high school, he





Ibituaries

Charles "Chuck" Anglin

retired in 1979 as a Major. He received several awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Senior Army Aviator Wings. He graduated from Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii where he studied Military Science and Psychology. After retiring from the military, he owned and operated the Clock Boutique and the Westwood Christian Center. In 2006, he began working with Crumpler Funeral Home as an assistant funeral director. He was a member of Raeford First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and in multiple other offices within the church. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 289 in Winston-Salem as well as the Kiwanis Club in Raeford.

Survivors include his wife, Gerry Anglin of Raeford; a son, Charles "Chip" Anglin IV and wife Sherri of St. Petersburg, Florida; two daughters, Stephanie A. Rathjens and husband David of Hilliard, Ohio, and Mary Leigh A. Reale and husband Jimmy of Hillsborough; six grandchildren, Jake and Lauren Rathjens, Conner and Caroline Reale, Kaylin and Justin Anglin; a sister, Rebecca Anglin of Winston-Salem; and a nephew, Michael James and wife Shannon of Florida.

The funeral was held Wednesday, July 18 at 11 a.m. at Raeford First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tom Lee officiating. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 333 North Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376.

Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneralhome.com.

Rosa Williamson RosaWilliamsonofRaeforddied



Rosa Williamson

Sunday, July 15, 2012 at home at the age of 93.

She was born in Scotland County on August 30, 1918 to Sim Clark Sr. and Molly Taylor Clark. She retired from the Hoke County School System and was a member of Raeford United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Joseph Walker Cole Sr. and Burnice L. Williamson, and her daughter, Betty Talbert.

Survivors include a son, J.W. Cole of Raeford; a daughter, Virginia Rainey of Raeford; a brother, Sim Clark Jr. of Hamlet; a sister, Emma Lee Simmons of Laurinburg; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 19 great-greatgrandchildren; and one great-greatgreat grandchild.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 in the Raeford Cemetery with the Rev. Adolf Smith officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hoke County, 336 South Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376.

Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneralhome.com.

MSG Kenney B. Wilson



He was born July 12, 1968 in Buncombe County, North Carolina to Kenneth Lee Wilson and Donnia Joyce Gibson Wilson. He was assigned to the Operations Detachment (OPSDET), Group Support Battalion, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne).

He served as the Kennel Master for 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne). He was the operations sergeant for the kennels responsible

for the health, welfare, and care of 13 Soldiers and K-9s.

His awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with V Device, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal with Silver Clasp, National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with 1 Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbons with numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Parachutist Badge, Drivers and Mechanics Badge w/Mechanics and Drivers and Mechanics Badge w/Wheel Vehicles.

Survivors include his wife, Melissa Wilson of Raeford; his mother. Joyce Suttles of Fletcher; two sons, Joshua and Gabriel Wilson of Grays Creek; a daughter, Holly Wilson of Ripon, Wisconsin; a stepson, Addison Jeter of Raeford; a stepdaughter, McKenzie Marsh of Raeford; a brother, Bobby Wilson of Brevard; a sister, Patricia Wagner of Fairview; and a niece, Danielle Wilson of Asheville. His father preceded him in death.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 13 at the JFK Chapel on Fort Bragg.

Burial will follow at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.lafayettefh.com.

Harriet H. McFadyen

Harriet Hodgin McFadyen of Raeford died Tuesday, July 10, 2012 after a long illness. She was 98 years old.

She was the daughter of John Angus and Harriet Conoly Hodgin and was born in her family home in the Antioch community of Hoke County on October 6, 1913. She graduated from Hoke High School, and in 1934, from Flora MacDonald College. She then began her teaching career in North Carolina schools during the Depression.

On June 21, 1946, she married Duncan B. McFadyen Jr. in Greensboro, and they made their (See DEATHS, page 4A)



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Charles "Chuck" Anglin

joined the United States Army and



over 100 family members and friends in attendance to honor the occasion. The party was given by his wife, Brendila Leslie-Sanders.

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home in Raeford where they raised their three sons.

After her marriage, she transferred her church membership from the Antioch Presbyterian Church to the Raeford Presbyterian Church where she was a member for more than 60 years. As long as her health permitted, she was an active, loyal member serving the church as a Bible Circle Leader, as a Sunday School Teacher of adults and young people, and in numerous positions in the Women of the Church, later renamed the Presbyterian Women. In recognition of her many years of faithful service, she was awarded a life membership by the Presbyterian Women

She was also active in civic affairs and was for many years a member of the Arts and Public Affairs Department of the Woman's Club in Raeford.

After her youngest son began school, she returned to teaching. She resumed her career teaching North Carolina history and later English to eighth graders. She was a truly professional teacher wholly dedicated to fulfilling her responsibilities to her students and was much respected for her teaching ability. After teaching for more than 30 years, she began her retirement. In her honor, the school established the "Harriet McFadyen Citizenship Award" which for a number of years after her retirement was presented to an outstanding eighth grader.

Her love and devotion for her family, her faith to her church, her loyalty to her friends and her many acts of kindness to those in need will always be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and all her siblings. She is survived by her sons, Duncan B. McFadyen III of Raeford, George Hodgin McFadyen and wife Anne of Pinetops, North Carolina, and James Laurence Mc-Fadyen and wife Susan of Thomson, Georgia; four grandchildren, James Scott McFadyen and John Robert McFadyen of Tarboro, Martha McFadyen Scott and husband Winfield of Lewisville, Georgia, and Mary Kathryn McFadyen Land and husband Jared of Thomson, Georgia; three great-grandchildren;

Cases heard July 10 in Hoke County Criminal District Court, Judge Shelly S. Holt presiding:

•Tiffany Carol Bullard, 21, 151 Maximus Drive, Maxton, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment continued, court costs; driving left of center, voluntary dismissal

• Jason Dexter Chavis, 34, 52 Elias Road, Maxton, driving

her sisters-in-law, Frances McFadyen McCreery and husband Robert of Ponte Vedra, Florida and Willa McFadyen Lindsay of Southern Pines; Louise B. McFadyen, the widow of her brother-in-law Lewis McFadyen of Red Springs; many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Ruth Anne Warren.

The funeral was held Friday, July 13 at 11 a.m. at the Raeford Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Michael McGehee and the Rev. James Braden officiating. Interment followed in the City of Raeford Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the

Raeford Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 128 West Edinborough Avenue, Raeford, NC 28376.

Alicia B. Clark

Alicia Beth Clark, 31, of Athens, Georgia, formerly of Raeford, passed away Monday, July 16, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Calvin Clark in 2000. She was recently employed with Anderson Merchandising in Winder, Georgia. She was a precious soul and had a heart of gold. She helped everyone she could and lived life to the fullest. She was artistic and had a great sense of fashion. She was always seen with that beautiful smile on her face and that sparkle in her eyes. She had a great love and passion for animals and treated them like her children. She was a wonderful daughter and sister to her family and she will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her mother, Patricia Clark of Rex; brothers, Sean Calvin Clark of Athens, Georgia, Timmy Clark of Tennessee, and Tony Clark of Virginia; sisters, Angela Clark Fuselier of Raeford and Terri Horne of Raeford; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held Friday, July 20 at 11 a.m. at Philippi Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Chip Grammer and the Rev. Sean Clark officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 19 from 7-9 p.m. at Crumpler Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311.

By Sgt. 1st Class Eric Pahon

July 18, 2012

U.S. Army Sgt. Koku Adzoble won a lottery to move to the U.S. from a tiny sliver of a country in West Africa where he grew up.

He joined the U.S. Army to make a better life for himself.

"Back in Africa, I was a teacher in high school," said Adzoble, who claims Bronx, New York as his stateside home but grew up in the West African nation of Togo. "When I came here, I was working in a store, and it wasn't good for me. So, I joined the Army. I saw a way to make a difference in my life, and this is a much better place. That's why I'm staying in."

Adzoble immigrated to the U.S. in 2007 under the Department of State Diversity Visa program. The program essentially works like a lottery, making up to 55,000 visas available each year to countries with underrepresented immigrant populations in the U.S., according to the Department of State website. The program requires entrants to either have a high school education or two years work experience in one of the job fields listed on their website to apply.

Adzoble won one of only 3,777 visas offered in his country in 2008, a country with a population the United Nations estimated at 6.6 million in 2009. He was a college graduate, having earned a degree in physics from the University of Lomé in 2006, and was teaching high school until he gave it all up to move to the U.S. in 2007.

"I had a chance," said Adzoble. "Some countries don't get that chance, so you play every year you're eligible, and if you win, you get to come to the United States and get a visa. I was very lucky."

Adzoble worked as a stock clerk in a New York City department store for about seven months when a co-worker turned him on to joining the U.S. Army.

Sgt. 1st Class James Crews, Adzoble's supervisor, says an unfailingly positive attitude has

District Court

30 days in jail, credit for 20 days served, judgments consolidated

• Chirinos Hernandez, 38, 108 Ashley Place, Raeford, no operator's license, 10 days suspended, one year unsupervised probation, \$50 fine and court costs, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed; window-tinting violation, voluntary dismissal

• Timothy Jones, 38, 2677 S.

court costs, attorney and courtappointment fees, 48 hours in jail within 30 days of judgment, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, to be served at the expiration of sentence now serving

• Pearlie Patterson, 57, (no address), Bennettsville, S.C., simple possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, 120 days suspended, one year unsupervised probation, not to use or possess any illegal drugs, follow and continue with any mental health treatment; possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting public officer, 30 days in jail, credit for 30 days served, judgments consolidated; intoxicated and disruptive, voluntary dismissal

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African man wins lottery to live in this area

Adzoble (left) inventories tools with Sgt. Ist Class James Crews of Raeford on Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan, June 14. Adzoble immigrated to the United States in 2007 from Togo, west Africa, and joined the U.S. Army soon after. (Eric Pahon photo)

allowed him to become a model Soldier.

"He's a hard worker," said Crews of Raeford, North Carolina. "He had some great leadership before he came to me in 2010. He's one of those guys who goes straight to work when you ask him to do something. He doesn't ask why; he just does it."

Adzoble is a supply clerk in the motor pool on FOB Salerno, keeping track of parts inventories, ordering new parts and monitoring deliveries. His job is critical to keeping the unit's vehicles out on the road, requiring an immense attention to detail and the ability to keep track of dozens of components

all at once.

"He's an encyclopedia," said Crews. "He's that type of guy who'll pretty much look over something once or twice and he's got it memorized. It comes in very useful. When I'm trying to find a part, I ask him, and he knows what I'm talking about and where to find it right away."

Adzoble is adamant there's nothing he doesn't enjoy about the Army. Under a barrage of questioning to crack his armor, he finally let on to his only difficulty.

"Sometimes the places you want to be, you're not there," he said.

Adzoble has a wife and a daughter still in west Africa.

"The places they send you are where the Army needs to send you. That's the thing, but as for the rest, it's easy."

He says his daughter is too young to leave Africa right now, but he hopes to establish a permanent home in the United States so his family can join him in a few years. First, he wants to explore the country and find a place he'd like his family to settle.

"I don't want to bring them, then the next day we have to move again," said Adzoble. "It's not like I don't enjoy Fort Bragg, but I want to see more of the United States and see if there's somewhere I might like even more."

Sales tax holiday Aug. 3 helps with back to school shopping

The annual North Carolina sales tax holiday begins Friday, August 3 and runs through Sunday, August 5. Shoppers can save money on certain purchases of items like clothing, school supplies and computers. The first sales tax holiday was held in August 2002.

The popular event exempts clothing, footwear, and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; school instructional materials of \$300 or less per item; sports and recreational equipment of \$50 or less per item; computers of \$3,500 or less per item; and computer supplies of \$250 or less per item from

The Department of Revenue's website lists all items that qualify. It's at www.dornc.com.

The holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday and lasts until 11:59 p.m. Sunday. Participation in the sales tax holiday is required; retailers cannot opt out.

Retailers may not charge sales tax on exempt items sold during the holiday and tell shoppers to request a refund from the Department of Revenue. In cases where the sales tax is charged on purchases that should be exempt, a customer's only option to obtain a refund is from the retailer.

Discounts from retailers' cou-

sales price of the dress is 94.50(105.00 - 10.50 = 94.50) and the dress is exempt from sales tax if purchased during the holiday. Manufacturers' coupons are treated just the opposite way and are not deducted from the sales price before determining an item's eligibility for the sales tax exemption.

Rebates do not affect the sales price of an item for the sales tax holiday. Example: a computer priced at \$4,000 with a \$600 rebate is not exempt from sales taxes. The amount of the rebate is not deducted from the sales price of the computer before determining if the computer is eligible for the sales tax exemption.

while license revoked, prayer for judgment continued, court costs; speeding 51 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, voluntary dismissal

• Fidel Ramos Cruz, 26, 230 Shady Oak Drive, Biscoe, driving while impaired, Level 5, 30 days in jail, credit for 30 days served; no operator's license, 10 days in jail, credit for time served; speeding 60 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone, voluntary dismissal

• Teresa Rose Hall, 26, 301 Juanita Ave., Hamlet, following too closely, prayer for judgment continued, court costs

• Perry Harrington, 53, 28480 Aberdeen Road, Marston, driving while license revoked, fictitious or altered registration card or tag, Duffie Road, Red Springs, possession of marijuana between 1/2 to 1 1/2 ounces, 10 days suspended, one year unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs

•Samantha Page Locklear, 24, 1695 Cope Road, Red Springs, failure to wear seat belt by driver, \$25.50 fine and court costs; expired registration card or tag, voluntary dismissal

• Christie Marie Mornuchik-Schweitzer, 28, 8307 Brostrom St., Fort Benning, Ga., simple assault, not guilty

• Rontrice Deshawn Morrisey, 25, 108 Heron Drive, Lot 3, Raeford, driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$100 fine and •Michael Charles Wiley II, 33, 585 Azalea Drive, Spring Lake, driving while license revoked, 10 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs, attorney and court-appointment fee, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed.

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sales tax. Tablet computers and netbooks of \$3,500 or less per item qualify; eReaders do not.

Items are not necessarily exempt from sales tax just because they are required by a child's school or sports team. pons are deducted from the price of an item before determining if the item is eligible for the sales tax exemption. Example: a customer buys a dress priced at \$105 and uses a retailer's coupon for a 10 percent discount. The discounted

The Department of Revenue invites citizens to contact its Taxpayer Assistance Division at 1-877-252-3052 with questions.



Peaches



One year, the orchard harvested just four peaches. "I ate them," said Henry Pickler. (Catharin Shepard photo)

long as you're able to do it,' because

this was his hobby and his love, and

also a sanctuary. But I have different

interests, and this is a lot of work. It's

owner has passed on, Autry wants

to spend more time traveling and

visiting with his children. The third-

generation Autry peach growers

have lives and careers far from the

quiet fields of Hoke County. With the

founder of Autry and Son gone, the

decision to close the peach orchard

made sense to the family, even if it

won't forget, and someday the prop-

erty could see a new Autry-owned

But while they move on, they

Raz Autry probably wouldn't

have been surprised that his peach

trees had unusual timing this year.

There wasn't much of a "usual"

when it came to growing peaches.

The long-running column he

wrote for The News-Journal often

talked about the good and the bad

of trying to coax a crop from the

was a tough call to make.

business bear fruit.

'A lot of characters'

sandy soil of his farm.

Now that the farm's original

time consuming," he said.

(Continued from page 1A) now," George Autry said.

RazAutry first became interested in growing peaches while working a summer job on a peach orchard in Montgomery County, his son recalled. It was much later, after a long career as a teacher, coach. principal and superintendent for Hoke County Schools, that he had the chance to start an orchard of his own. He bought the property in the Arabia community shortly after retiring in the late 1970s and soon launched his second career, one that he pursued to the end of his life.

Autry started out with just 100 peach trees and added to them over the years. At one point they had more than 2,400 trees on about 20 acres of land, all needing tending, his son said. In recent years that number shrank down to a more manageable nine or so acres but even that many trees demanded a lot of attention.

Peach trees have to be sprayed and fertilized. Even in the off-season, they have to be pruned. The work is never done, Autry said.

When he retired a few years ago, Autry agreed to help his father continue working the orchard as long as Raz was able to do it.

"I said, 'Dad, I'll help you as

neighbor Henry Pickler said.

"He went over there and got the thing and carried it to the house and cut it up and gave it to the grandchildren," he said.

Pickler moved into the neighborhood 26 years ago and has helped out on the orchard for the last 15 years. Another year, he got the only four peaches that came off Autry's trees, he said.

"They were ready so I just ate them," said. "He said, 'Well, at least somebody got them, they didn't fall on the ground.""

a lot of others enjoyed the orchard too.

"As time went on, there have

worked with Daddy out here, a lot

been a lot of people who have

The third generation

of characters," Autry said.

Peaches weren't the only things raised on the farm. Autry's crop of grandchildren grew up working the trees and other produce, too.

"They kind of became his help and grew up working on this place,

One year they only got one peach out of the entire orchard, neighbor Henry Pickler said.

"He went over there and got the thing and carried it to the house and cut it up and gave it to the grandchildren," he said.

Pickler and neighbor Lloyd Brewer joined Autry this year to help bring in the harvest, which has been a pretty good one so far, they said. Some years they didn't have any when a late freeze would get the blossoms.

Pickler can tell plenty of stories of mishaps on the farm over the years. One time Raz ran into a hornet's nest while working on the orchard and had to scramble to get out of the way.

"He jumped through the window of that truck and came up here, he looked like Puff the dough boy," Pickler said. Raz's wife Ireni Autry had to rescue him and take him to a doctor.

Another time, he ran into the electric fence that kept the farm's goats contained. Pickler said he couldn't help but laugh at that one. But Autry got his revenge, even if he didn't mean to, when he was driving a truck with Pickler riding on the back and didn't see a low-hanging wire in time.

"He ran up under that cable, he flipped me off the truck and knocked me just about plumb out," Pickler recalled, laughing.

Over the years the farm became a gathering place for all kinds of people. Everyone from politicians to preachers stopped by, Pickler said.

We had some good times fishing too," he added. "Had holes cut in the boat and it like to sank on us."

But Raz loved his retirement. One year they only got one peach out of the entire orchard, his son said. And over the years, and I think it's where they got their work ethic. They all grew up working on the farm," their father said.

All three of the grandchildren had an agreement with Raz, their father said. If they worked on the orchard through their freshman year of college, he would help them with education expenses.

"Then they were released to pursue their adult careers, from their indentured servitude. I used to say that; they always laughed," Autry said. "When they were growing up as teenagers, they wanted to know why they had to do it, but you know, each one of them have told me they wouldn't trade that experience for anything."

Each of them kept their promise, and so did their grandfather.

Today Lindsay, the oldest, is a renowned chef whose appearance on the Top Chef Texas television show is still opening new doors for her career. Jackson, the middle child, went to his dad's alma mater of N.C. State to become an engineer and today works in Queens, New York with General Electric's aviation division. The youngest, Samantha, attended the prestigious Fashion Institute in New York and is working with a fashionable retailer in Manhattan.

"They thought the world of their granddaddy," Autry said.

A new future

The Autry family plans to keep the property and lease some of it out for farming field crops. Autry already planted pine trees on part of the property and should have some pine straw in the future. But the peach trees will be gone

(Continued from page 1A) Jerry Bradley said.

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'We have a hazard elimination program that identifies locations that have accident patterns and this intersection came up on the program as potential for some type of safety improvement due to the accident pattern at the intersection," he said. "The regional traffic engineer looks into that and identifies the actual accident pattern and we all try to come up with some type of treatment that would correct the accident pattern, so this is the suggested treatment." Although the NCDOT wants to

address the intersection's safety, the road closure is just one proposal, Bradley said. There are other options DOT officials are willing to consider if people potentially affected by the road closure speak out against the proposal.

"If they have other ideas or concerns, we'll try to evaluate that information and come up with the best treatment for the accident pattern," he said.

Crash analysis

A five-year crash analysis of wrecks at the intersection showed 35 accidents there between November 2006 and October 2011, NCDOT traffic engineer David Phipps said. "Angle collisions," also known as T-bone wrecks, accounted for 26 of the accidents. "Angle collisions tend to be a

little bit more severe," Phipps said. There were no fatalities at the intersection but based on highway

patrol accident reports, there were two serious injuries, eight moderate injuries and 31 minor injuries. The injury numbers total more than the number of accidents because in some cases more than one person was injured in a single accident.

The numbers were surprising because the intersection is considered "low volume," Phipps said.

"That is a significant number of accidents for the volume of that intersection," he said.

There are other options available if the dead-end proposal proves unpopular, the engineer said.

'We know it's going to impact Galatia Church and the property owners in the area, that's why we want to have this meeting and let people express their concerns and have their feedback before we move forward with anything," he said. As proposed, the project would cost about \$150,000 based on preliminary estimates, Phipps said.

Locals concerned

Jane Gillis Turner lives on

Galatia Church Road not far from the intersection in question. She also attends Galatia Presbyterian Church, which is close enough to her home that she can see it from her house. The NCDOT proposal was so surprising it seemed like a belated April Fools joke, she said.

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"It is not a dangerous intersection, it is bordered on all sides by open flat fields. There are no hills anywhere close to that intersection. We can see at least a quarter of a mile up and down the road," she said.

Forcing traffic around the active church to use the curvy, hilly Gillis Hill and Galatia Church intersection instead would be far more dangerous, Turner said. Distracted driving is more likely to blame for any wrecks at the Stoney Point Road intersection than the roadway itself, she said. A four-way stop sign would be a better solution if intervention is necessary, Turner said.

"It would be a lot less of a torture to people than closing the road," Turner said.

Besides traffic from Sunday services, the church has many programs during the week including scouts, Bible study and a food pantry that draws upwards of 130 families every week, Pastor Shuford White said.

White taught driver's education for several years before he went into the ministry. Moving the traffic flow toward the Gillis Hill intersection could create a more dangerous problem than the existing situation, he said.

"It's going to be funneling a whole lot more cars than just a household would funnel into an intersection that's basically in the middle of a road that has two blind turns coming to it," White said. People speeding down Gillis Hill Road add more danger to that intersection, he said.

Any accidents taking place at the Stoney Point Road intersection could be related to a physical issue with some drivers, White suggested.

'You're driving a car, if you have to turn your head more than 45 degrees, it becomes more difficult as you get older," he said.

Straightening the Galatia Church and Stoney Point intersection or adding four-way stop signs there would make more sense than closing Galatia Church Road, White said.

The public hearing regarding the matter will be held July 26 from 4-7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the New Century International Elementary School located at 7465 Century Circle in Fayetteville.

Finding of No Significant Environmental Impact

Public Notification of Rural Development's

The US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development, through its Rural Community Facilities Program, has received an application for financial assistance from Hoke Healthcare, LLC for a new 41 bed Acute Care Hospital. The specific elements of this proposed action is in the construction of 41-inpatient beds with two operating rooms, 4 birthing suites, sterile processing, Imaging, 16-Bay Emergency Department, 9 observation rooms, laboratory and pathology, Inpatient Pharmacy, Kitchen-Cafeteria, Data/Communications and IT. The location of this proposed action is 27.1 acres located on the Northwest side of Johnson Mill Road and on the South side of US Hwy. 401.

Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of human environment. Therefore, Rural Development will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be provided within fifteen (15) days of this publication to Larry R. Sampson, Loan Specialist at USDA, Rural Development, P.O. Box 7426, Lumberton, NC 28360. USDA-Rural Development will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this fifteen-day period. Request to receive a copy of, or to review the USDA-Rural Development environmental assessment upon which this determination is based, should be directed to the address above or by phone at 910-739-3349.

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A general location map of the proposed action is shown below.



after this year to make room for other produce.

For now, it's the last days of the last peach season – the last days of the ending of an era for fans of the farm's produce. But someday there might be another family venture on the site of the peach orchard to add another chapter to Raz Autry's legacy.

"Lindsay, one day she may be the one that wants to come back and open a bed and breakfast or do something with it," Autry said. "I want to keep that land open where if she decides she's going to come back and open a bed and breakfast and start growing just a little bit, she wouldn't need much, to go to her table, her restaurant, that's what she would be able to do."

Until then, there are still a few more peaches waiting to be picked and sold at the roadside stand. The stand is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. during the week, or until the farm sells out of peaches, whichever comes first.

But if anything's certain, it's that peaches never are.

"If they want to get some, they better hurry," Autry said.



Determined and on a Greyhound bus

From an Android email:"There is a Hoke County resident who has been traveling by Greyhound since Monday to make it to auditions in Oklahoma City. My name is Leshell Wiggins, I am 28 years old, and a mother of three boys, and I have always dreamed of singing. It is my passion. I have been waiting and waiting for an opportunity like this...' And so she's on her way to audition for American Idol. She wants prayers (and any donations) to help her in her quest. She can be reached at alovelyblessing@yahoo.com.



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(Continued from page 1A) stay in Germany while her active-duty military husband was stationed there. The couple's two younger boys miss their older brother who is now out on his own, and Sonon thought hosting a German exchange student would be a good way to help the children keep a little piece of the home they knew for much of their young lives. The family is also considering adopting another child and hosting a student might give them some idea of what to expect in bringing a new person into the family, Sonon said.

After going through an exchange program and finding a straight-A student fluent in English, Sonon contacted Hoke County Schools about enrolling the 15-year-old as a sophomore at Hoke County High School. An email from the principal changed the plans.

"I have declined the opportunities to participate in foreign exchange requests consistently as principal at Hoke County High School. We already have a very diverse student population and I don't see any need to be involved in a foreign exchange program," Edwards wrote in an email to Sonon that Sonon provided to the media. Edwards also noted he was out of the state but offered to meet with Sonon when he returned.

Sonon contacted each of the Board of Education members and the school system superintendent about the matter through email Monday. In response, Superintendent Dr. Freddie Williamson gave another reason for the denial. In the email to Sonon, Williamson said Hoke High is expecting such

a large influx of students this year that there aren't any available spaces for exchange students.

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"Due to our growth over the last few years we have not admitted foreign exchange students. With our growth, we don't have the seats open. We are projected to have an additional 200 students on Hoke High campus this year over last year," Williamson wrote.

Additionally, the superintendent said the school system's protocol requires families to receive approval from the district and the school before agreeing to host a student, with Student Services Director Peggy Owens as the contact person. Owens confirmed that her office oversees admitting foreign exchange students.

'If someone is interested in that, they should check with my office first. We go there and we look at the enrollment numbers. Currently, where we're standing, we're not able to enroll any students because of the projected increase of 200 students," she said.

Prospective families first have to get approval from the district and then from the school administrator of the school in question, Owens said. The large military population in the area also means school administrators must leave room for students transferring in during the school year.

"We always have to take care of our own students first," she said.

The school system's discretionary admission policy makes it clear Hoke Schools consider residential students before considering students who don't live in the district.

"Except as otherwise required by law, the Hoke County Schools

are under no obligation to admit students who are not domiciled in the administrative unit," the policy states.

The school system has accepted foreign exchange students in the past. Two years ago when Assistant Superintendent Bob Barnes served as interim principal of Hoke High, there were three or four exchange students admitted to the high school, Owens said.

Surrounding county school systems have differing policies about admitting foreign exchange students. Cumberland County's policy allows exchange students in grades 9-12 to enroll given certain requirements are fulfilled. The student must have the correct visa, be able to speak English and the exchange program must comply with rules of the Exchange Visitors Program Branch, among other criteria, according to the policy.

A spokesperson for Scotland County schools said typically if foreign exchange students are in the county, they are admitted to Scotland County's one high school

With the deadline coming up quickly and Hoke schools set to open August 6, the Sonon family isn't sure if they will host the student or not. They are considering other options, such as sending the student to a private school. The family even discussed the possibility of buying a house in a different school district, Sonon said. Homeschooling isn't an option because it would remove the chance for social and cultural interaction that the foreign exchange program is meant to provide, she said.

SwampDogs have Raeford Night

The Fayetteville Swamp-Dogs have announced that July 24 will be Raeford Night at "The Swamp."

"Raeford is a vital and valued aspect of the greater Fayetteville area, and the Dogs are excited to welcome their neighbors in for a night of family fun at 'The Swamp," team officials said.

Local businesses will be on hand to inform fans about their services, as their close proximity to "The Swamp" lends itself to a fruitful relationship with Fayetteville residents.

The Dogs believe that com-

munity involvement is a vital component of their organizational mission, officials said, and strive to include residents from surrounding areas as a part of the team each year. 'Raeford's upstanding reputation and commitment to excellence as a community makes them a perfect fit to display all they have to offer at 'The Swamp."

The Fayetteville Swamp-Dogs are a member of the Coastal Plain League, the nation's hottest summer collegiate baseball league. Celebrating its 16th season in 2012, the CPL features 14 teams playing in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The CPL gives college players the chance to refine their skills with the use of wooden bats. Players are housed with local host families for the summer.

CPL has had over 1,000 alumni drafted and 53 alums including 2011 AL MVP and Cy Young winner Justin Verlander -have made their Major League debut thus far.

For more information on the Coastal Plain League, visit the league website at www.coastalplain.com or on Facebook.

Officers make arrest in home invasion

Law enforcement officers arrested another person Tuesday in connection with a home invasion that occurred last month on White Chapel Lane.

Christopher Rashad Davis, 18, of the 100 block of Tanner Loop in Raeford was arrested on charges

Smith

Smith was also active in the community, lending his support to many organizations including the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, which in turn supports many other community volunteer groups. He was elected president of the Raeford Kiwanis Club in 2010. Earlier this year he and other members of the club assisted with the development of the Hoke County High School Key Club.

Smith attended the Raeford Presbyterian Church where he was an elder and Sunday School teacher. He was a member of the Hoke County Civic League.

School board Chairman Hank Richards served on the board of education while Smith was a board member.

"He was certainly a very dedicated board member and always wanted the best for the children and the school system,"

Fire

(Continued from page 1A) later and began to put the fire out. However, the fire was already at a point where it wasn't safe for firefighters to enter the building

Lowrie of Cambridge Arms Apartof breaking and entering and conspiracy to commit felonious larceny. Davis was held under a \$600,000 bond.

The homeowner, a soldier stationed at Fort Bragg, shot one intruder during the home invasion, officials reported. Gregory Paul

Schools superintendent Dr.

Freddie Williamson also worked

with Smith. Smith's legacy was

the life he lived, Williamson said.

every day he had an opportunity

to make a difference and he did,

that was why he chose to serve.

As a servant of all people he

was prepared to sacrifice, to

teach, to learn, to remain open to

honest feedback and intentional

of his love toward people," the

a passage from a book titled "A

Leader's Legacy." One quote in

particular is fitting to apply to

life you might touch. You just

never know what change you

might initiate and what impact you

might have. You just never know

when that critical moment might

come. What you do know is that

you can make a difference. You

and Nelson ordered firefighters to

was no sign that anyone attempted

to break in, which rules out arson as

H.E.L.P. your community!

The store was secure and there

remain outside.

"You just never know whose

The two often talked about

superintendent said.

Smith's life, he said.

"Russell understood that

Richards said.

ments in Fayetteville remains in critical condition at Cape Fear Valley hospital in Cumberland County, according to a report.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are possible, officials said.

can leave this world better than you found it."

"I truly believe that Hoke County is a better place because of the life of Russell Smith," Williamson said.

Smith is survived by his wife, Rebecca Smith of Raeford; son Daniel Smith of Asheville: daughter Emily Smith of Coats; and sister Vicky Hunt of Cleveland, Georgia.

Visitation and a memorial service were held Tuesday at a packed Raeford Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jim Braden and Dr. Barry Shoffner officiating. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Raeford Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 128 West Edinborough Avenue, Raeford, NC 28376 or Liberty Hospice, 336 South Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376. Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneralhome.com.

the cause of the fire, Johnson said. The fire marshal's office and Sheriff's Office are investigating. The building was insured and there were no injuries reported, Johnson said.

Election (Continued from page 1A) run in the state Senate District 21

race, so the winner of the runoff will be unopposed in the November general election.

The runoff brings to a close a crowded race that started with six Democrats challenging for the seat vacated by incumbent Eric Mansfield who failed in a bid to secure the party's nomination for Lieutenant Governor. The newly redrawn District 21 includes Hoke County and part of Cumberland County.

In the May 8 primary, King received about 825 more votes than Clark in Cumberland County and candidate Allen Thomas Jr. carried Hoke County by about 100 more votes than Clark received. However, Clark received enough votes overall to put him in second place among the candidates. Two recounts showed candidate Larry Shaw of Fayetteville finished in close call for third with only two fewer votes than Clark.

Smith this week, state officials determined there is enough time left to get the race on the November ballot and let voters select a candidate to serve the remaining two years of Smith's four-year term.

An email to the Hoke County Board of Elections office from Don Wright, general counsel for the North Carolina State Board of Elections, said the unexpired term ending in 2014 will need to be placed on the 2012 general election ballot. Due to time limitations, instead of allowing candidates to file for election the Board of Elections will request each county political party nominate a candidate of their choice.

"Each recognized party will have the right to have its executive committee name a nominee from that party to be on the ballot for

senior regular resident superior court judge may then appoint a replacement clerk until an election can be regularly held."

Hoke County Board of Elections Director Caroline Shook said she is contacting the county's political parties to inform them of the situation.

School board

Two seats on the Board of Education are up for election this year.

Incumbents Hank Richards, the current chairman, and Rosa McAllister-McRae filed to run to retain their seats. Roosevelt McPherson, a veteran and retired public school teacher and associate principal, filed to challenge for one of the seats. McPherson ran for the board in 2010 and lost to cumbents Barbara Buie, Della Maynor and Irish Pickett. All three candidates filed to run for election the first week that filing opened and so far no one else has filed in the school board race, Shook said. Filing for the Board of Education race remains open until August 6.

(Continued from page 1A) his death.

Clerk of Court office

After the death of Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court Russell the unexpired term,"Wright wrote in the email.

A senior regular resident superior court judge may appoint an acting clerk "for 30 days of less in the event of a vacancy by death or resignation," according to state general statute 7A-100. "The

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Hoke County High School is preparing to welcome students back to school for the 2012-2013 school year by offering four town hall meetings. These sessions are for students and parents to attend according to the student's grade level classification. Pertinent information regarding your student's school year will be presented, and course schedules will be distributed during these sessions when a student attends with his or her parent or guardian. Primary consideration for schedule changes will be given to those in attendance at these meetings.

This is an excellent opportunity to see what the faculty and staff of Hoke County High School are so excited about! Help your student to prepare for another successful year by being informed! Student ID's will be taken July 30-August 2 from 1-4 p.m. and July 31 and August 2 from 6-8 p.m.





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Sports

------ Raeford Racing Roundup Herb Thomas Tribute Night

By Hal Nunn Sports writer

The drivers of NASCAR don't make their rounds to North Carolina as much as they used to: however, this weekend in a different sort of way at Fayetteville Motor Speedway, one of NASCAR's greatest and 2013 Hall of Fame inductee Herb Thomas (by way of his sons Joel and Victor Thomas) will be bringing their father's 1951 and 1953 Grand National Championship trophies (now known as the Sprint Cup Series Championship) and some other memorabilia to the speedway for Herb Thomas Tribute Night. Thomas passed away in 2000 from a heart attack at age 77.

Larry Long, the track announcer at Fayetteville Motor Speedway, knew Herb Thomas and was a huge fan of the driver who was named the driver of the decade in the 1950s. "A lot of folks still remember him from the days when racing was racing," Long said. "I tell everyone all the time that Herb Thomas was NASCAR's first true superstar."

Larry and others have been promoting the event over the last few weeks and raised some extra money so that all the finishers in the Late Model division will get a little extra cash in their pocket for racing this night. Fans will get a chance to meet Joel and Victor Thomas and get their pictures taken with the championship series trophies as well as see 2-Wayne Gray



Herb Thomas Tribute Night will be held this Saturday night at Fayetteville Motor Speedway. Herb Thomas, the Olivia, North Carolina native will be inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in February 2013.

other pictures and memorabilia. Folks from the Historic Speedway Group from Hillsborough along with NASCAR Historian Buz Mc-Kim will be in attendance for the tribute night. If anyone would like to help sponsor the tribute night and make the late model purse a little better, contact Larry Long through speedway management at (910) 223-RACE (7223).

Results from July 14

Late Model 1-Shaun Harrell 2-D.J. Tyndall 3-Robbie Turner

Open Wheeled Modified 1-John Marshall

3-Chris Parker 5-Mack Coxe

Super Street 1-Zach Blackwell 2-Greg Bass 3-Benji Thompson

Pure Stock 1-Daniel Johnson 2-Daniel Parker 3-Eric Bently

U-Car 1-Shannon Weaver 2-Ronnie Yarborough Jr. 3-Billy Gray

Micro Sprints 1-Dale Arnold 2-David Lee 3-Jodie McCall



Patriotic poster winner

Tyesha Hunter was the first place winner of the Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest sponsored by VFW Post 10 Ladies Auxiliary. She was presented with a certificate, a patriotic art lapel pin, and a monetary award at the monthly meeting on July 9. She is a junior at Hoke High School.

School groundbreaking Thursday

Groundbreaking for Sandy Grove Middle School is set for Thursday at 10 a.m.

The school is the first of its kind in the state and only the second in the country to be financed through a public-private partnership. The school system

will lease the building until it is paid for, then the developer will turn the deed over to the county. The school will have a value of over \$21 million but will cost the county a total of about \$16 million due to the use of tax credits.

The groundbreaking will be held at the new school site located at 300 Chason Road in the Lumber Bridge community. The Board of Education will convene its usual meeting at the school system central office following the groundbreaking.

Money available for seniors raising children

Money is available for senior citizens raising children in their

Applications to receive a voucher to purchase school clothes and supplies will be taken at Senior Services of Hoke County from July 18-27 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Vouchers will be provided by the Family Caregiver Support Program at the Lumber River Council of Governments to financially assist grandparents and older relative caregivers (not parents) raising minor children or raising an adult "dependent child" with severe disabilities who will be attending school in August. Funds for this program are appropriated through Title III-E of the Older Americans Act and are available only to senior citizens raising a child in their home.

To be eligible for a voucher,

the grandparent or an older relative caregiver (not the child's parent) must: (1) be 55 years of age or older; (2) have custodial care of the child in their home without the child's parents living in the home; (3) be raising a child between the ages of 5-18 years old who will be attending school this calendar year; (4) be raising a severely handicapped child between the ages of 5-22 years old who is enrolled in a special education program; and (5) be the child's primary caregiver with financial responsibility for raising the child.

All applications will be reviewed by a panel to determine need and priority for service based on the Family Caregiver Program requirements. Grandparents who received a voucher

Three get Golden LEAF scholarships

last year will be ineligible to apply for one this year. Each voucher is worth \$100 and can be redeemed during the week of August 13-17. Selected applicants will be contacted by telephone by August 10. Contact Esther Harrell at (910) 875-8588 or Anne Oglesby at (910) 272-5080 for more information or directions.

Applications can also be downloaded and printed online at www. lumberrivercog.org. Applications can also be picked up from the N.C. Cooperative Extension Office in Lumberton and mailed in the envelope provided or faxed to (910) 521-7556. All applications must be received at the Lumber River Council of Governments, 30 C.J. Walker Road, COMtech Park, Pembroke, NC 28372 no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, July 27 to be considered.

BY HAL NUNN Sports writer

Hoke County High School coaches and Athletic Director Gary Brigman attended the North Carolina High School Athletic Association coaches' clinic this past week at the Greensboro Coliseum and were encouraged that Hoke High is doing the right thing by getting coaches nationally certified.

Hoke High Athletic Director Gary Brigman said, "This year the NCHSAA adopted a plan that we have been working on for the last year in getting all our head working with the offense. Both coaches nationally certified and Parks and Davis will be Health we are ahead of the state." From and Physical Education teachers

now on, all head coaches in the NCHSAA are required to be nationally certified by the end of the next school year.

New coaches

A couple of new coaches have been placed at Hoke High School for the coming season. Tiffany Parks, who was the girls' soccer and track coach at West Hoke Middle School, will be the new girls' soccer coach and assistant girls' basketball coach at Hoke High. Chris Davis, a graduate from East Carolina University, will be an assistant football coach at Hoke High.

Free physicals

FirstHealth has agreed again to do FREE athletic physicals for those students who desire to compete in athletics for 2012-2013. July 27 is the date set for the FREE physicals and they will be held at FirstHealth on Teal Drive in Raeford from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Each student must have a physical form filled out and it must be signed by the parent before coming to the clinic. Students and parents can get a form by going to the Hoke High main office or

homes.

-Hoke High Sports Update Free athletic physicals July 27 at FirstHealth

download the form on the school's athletics website at www.ihigh. com/fightingbucks.

Methodist University to hold soccer camp

By Hal Nunn Sports writer

A joint effort between Hoke County Parks and Recreation and Methodist University has evolved into a soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 to 18. The camp named Forward SoccerCamp will be held at the 211 Sports Complex in Raeford August 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We hope to have about 100 kids out for this first camp," said Bryan Madej, head women's soccer coach for Methodist University. Elgin Blue, Hoke County Parks and Recreation Director, said, "Our soccer program is growing and we wanted to further the child's knowledge/skill level about soccer and we wanted to keep the cost low."

The fee for the clinic will only

be \$10 and will include a T-shirt for each participant, water and a snack; however, participants must register before August 3. College coaches and players will be present as well as some local high school players and parks and recreation leaders. For more information on the soccer camp, call Hoke County Parks and Recreation at (910) 875-4035.

Education Assistance Authority recently selected Brittany Harris, Chentell Parker and Keyatta Parker as recipients of \$12,000 Golden LEAF Foundation Scholarships. Chentell Parker graduated from Hoke High School and will attend UNC-Chapel Hill. Brittany Harris graduated from Hoke High School and will attend UNC-Greensboro. Keyatta Parker is transferring from Sandhills Community College to UNC-Charlotte.

They are among the 215 students selected to receive a \$3,000 scholarship each year

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The Golden LEAF Foundation created the Golden LEAF Scholarship program to broaden educational opportunities and provide support to students hope that, after graduation, recipients will provide leadership in these communities.

The Golden LEAF Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1999 to help transform North Carolina's economy. The foundation receives one-half of North Carolina's funds from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with cigarette manufacturers and places special emphasis on assisting tobacco-dependent, economically distressed and/ or rural communities across the state.



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