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7 arrested in heroin bust, bonds set at \$1.5 million

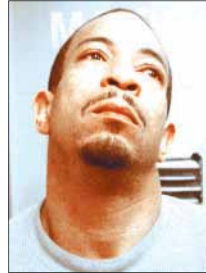
Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office and the Fayetteville Police Department arrested seven people Friday and seized a large amount of heroin at a home near Raeford.

Officers executing a search warrant at 121 Owl Court located 50 grams of suspected black tar heroin, authorities said. The street value for the drug was estimated at \$20,000.

Black tar heroin is dark brown or black, is less refined than other heroin and carries high risks for users. The drug can be snorted, smoked or injected, according to one drug treatment facility.

The seven people arrested include:

Larry Lowell Dixon, 29, 7500 block of Camden Road in Fayetteville, two counts of trafficking heroin, \$1.5 million bond



Goode

Albert Arron Goode, 38, 500 block of Forest Street in Raeford, two counts of trafficking heroin, \$1.5 million bond



Pagan

Jamel Marcuese Pagan, 21, 100 block of Owl Court in Raeford, two counts of trafficking heroin, \$1.5 million bond



Harris



Hobson

Andre Devon McPhaul, 36, 2500 block of Shannon Road in Shannon, two counts of trafficking heroin, \$1.5 million bond



Dixon



Long

Kiera Corshana Hobson, 23, 600 block of Roxie Avenue in Fayetteville, two counts of trafficking heroin, \$1.5 million bond
(See HEROIN, page 6A)



McPhaul



A pied peacock with love on his mind. (Catharin Shepard photo)

Clockwise from top: an emu gets close; a golden pheasant; peacocks. (Catharin Shepard photos)

Fond of their feathered friends

From peacocks to emus, couple loves birds

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Three years ago, Alford Patterson's wife asked him what he wanted for his birthday and got a surprising answer: peacocks.

Ever since he'd seen the jewel-bright

plumage of a friend's peacocks, Patterson had considered bringing some home to roost. His birthday proved the perfect excuse to take the plunge into peacock ownership.

"I thought they were so pretty, (they were) blue and had their tails up and
(See PEACOCKS, page 6A)

Payroll theft alleged

Raeford police arrested two people this week and planned to arrest a third suspect on allegations that they cashed about \$6,000 of forged payroll checks reportedly stolen from a local healthcare agency.

The owner of Carrieng Home Health Care called authorities when a bank pointed out a strange discrepancy with a check someone was trying to cash from her business. Investigators believe an employee at the healthcare business stole payroll checks and conspired with two other people to cash them at multiple banks, Det. Sgt. Jose Garcia of the Raeford Police Department said.

Police arrested Diondra McQueen, 24, of Raeford on 10 counts of uttering and forgery, 10 counts of obtaining property under false pretense and two counts of conspiracy in connection with the case. Also arrested was Mario Lamar Wilson, no address given, on charges of uttering and forgery, obtaining property under false pretenses and conspiracy. Police planned to arrest Janie Lee Stephens, 41,
(See CHECKS, page 6A)

Firefighter of the Year is a woman



Toledo

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Like many other volunteers in Hoke County, Monica Toledo knows what

it's like to wake up at 3 a.m. to the tune of a fire siren and race out of the house, rushing to the aid of people she's probably never met.

"If it's a fire call, the adrenaline kicks in and you're automatically wide awake," she said.

The 28-year-old now has a claim to

local fame in her own way: she recently became the first woman firefighter in the history of the Raeford Fire Department to be named Firefighter of the Year.

Toledo hasn't been in Raeford long, but in the two years since joining the department, she's helped with the re-

(See FIREFIGHTER, page 6A)

Citizen of the Year

Mary Archie McNeill was named the Raeford Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year at the club's 89th Anniversary Dinner at Gabriella's February 7. The retired choral teacher and community activist was presented the award by Jeff McNeill.



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OTHER STUFF

By KEN MACDONALD

The mailman seems to arrive later each day, and I wonder if the poor guy has been given a second route as the Postal Service struggles. He was closing in on my house as I pulled from the driveway on my road bicycle for my first real ride of the season. By real, I mean I had dressed for it: long Windstopper britches with suspenders, clip-on shoes, a very bright yellow car-proof Windstopper jacket, and a lining under my helmet of, you-guessed-it, Windstopper fabric. Just before Christmas I had replaced my tires with some fancy tread-less but super-capable and expensive ones that hold 125

pounds of pressure. That's 25 more p.s.i. than before, folks.

Anyway, I took Main Street like a Comanche 400 takes a runway.

I made it about 200 feet and Ka-Pow! For a split second I thought a neighbor had shot at me. My yard needs raking, but come on! Then I realized my ride was falling to pieces beneath me. I could barely control the bike. A crash at fifteen miles per hour still hurts, you know (speaking from experience during those days I had just gotten those clip-on shoes but forgot my feet were fastened to the pedals).

I managed to get off the road and was
(See OTHER STUFF, page 6A)

VFW chapter dissolves

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

After struggling with low attendance and an aging membership, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7930 lost its charter this month and is officially dissolved, a local VFW officer said.

George Balch, commander of VFW Post 10 in Raeford, said a member of

the chain of command for the organization authorized him to speak about the matter. Post 7930 lost its status on February 11, and the former members of that post who were in good standing have been invited to join the active and still operational Post 10, Balch said.

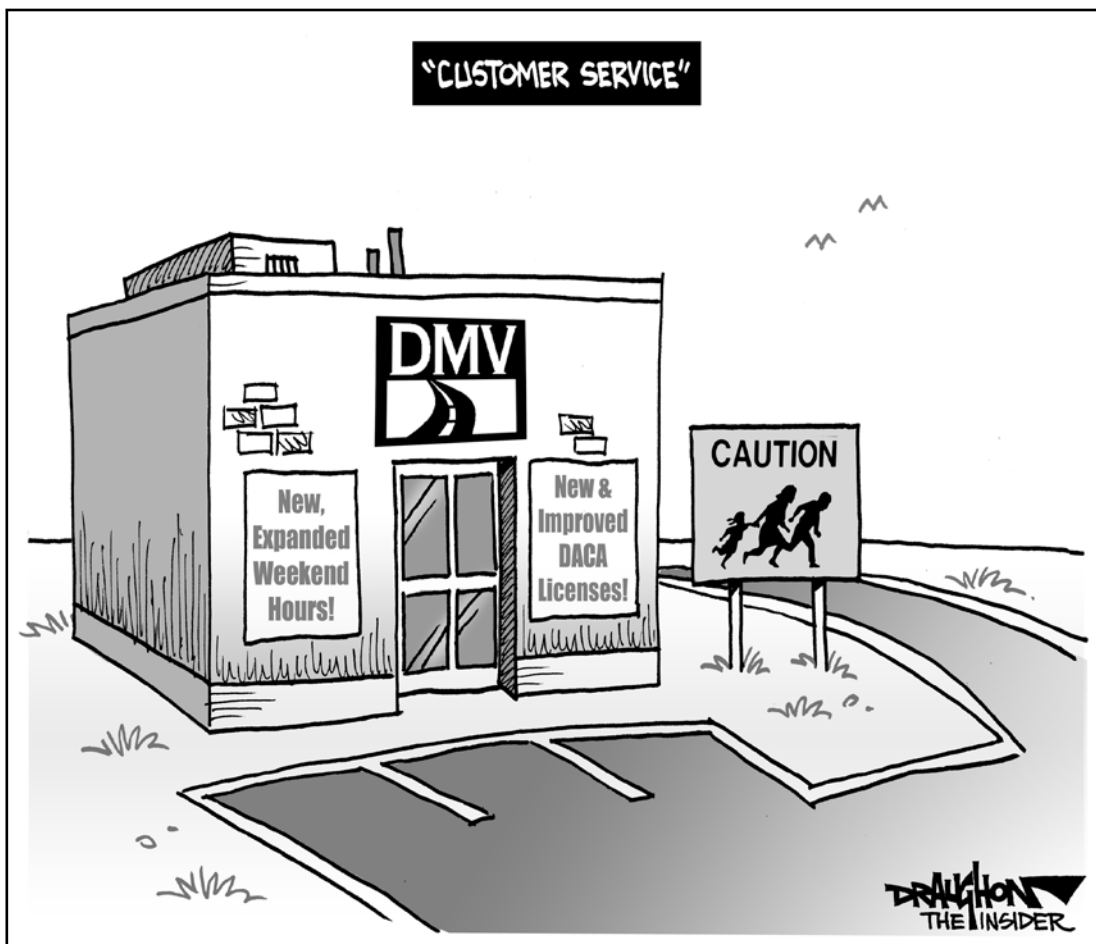
"The criteria for that was that Post 7930 had aged out.
(See VFW, page 6A)

VIEWPOINTS

TODAY'S HOMEWORK (Notes on Education)

"I look out over that classroom at the beginning of school and think, 'I'll never love them like last year's group.' But then it happens. A seventh grader says something endearing, like the year my student Tevin told me he had a friend who didn't celebrate Christmas; instead, 'He celebrates Harmonica.' And the student who answered to 'What are the adverb questions?' (the answer is How, When, Where, and To What Extent) with 'How, When, Where, and What's the Matter?' Okay, maybe you had to be there... In every class there is a child who slowly wraps himself around my heart - 'Mrs. Rigsbee, my family doesn't have things, and sometimes it makes me so mad, I think I may just go out and steal what I want' and those who do it a little more quickly - on the first day - 'I'll try not to drive you crazy. I'm my parents' worst nightmare.' Then I watch them sing in the chorus concert, cheer at the football games, dance at their first school dance in the cafeteria. I read their journals and follow their little dramas; I watch them sit with no lunch because their account is out of money. I hear voices change, see pants grow too short, soothe the tears, and rejoice in the smiles. Before you know it, the year is almost over. Then you know what I think? I think I'll never love a group of kids like this one."

—Cindi Rigsbee, N.C. Teacher of the Year blog



We are 'willing and eager' wasters

After the bitter cold streak, I was finally able to install my favorite Christmas present. It was a new, bright yellow padded seat for my 1976 John Deere tractor. This reminded me of the value of older things that have proven their worth and durability over many years.

My granddaddy, Neil F. Sinclair who lived in western Hoke, where the train tracks cross at Ashley Heights, was a merchant and farmer who used to say, "It's not what you have, it's what you keep." I was very young when I first heard this and it just didn't make sense to me at the time. As a young person, I'm sure I never even heard the part about what you keep, because at that time, having things seemed to be all that was important. It was only many years later that I really understood what he was talking about. After some experience with the world and the possession of various items, both tangible and intangible, I began to see the benefits of keeping things. I also realized that keeping things was the same as having things, except that these kept things were almost always of more value.

Granddaddy was born in 1889 and had endured hard



Frog Holler Philosophy
Ron Huff

times even before the crash. During the depression, everyone learned to prize their possessions and take care of them because the alternative was to do without. Products were made to last, some for a lifetime. Almost nothing was thrown away. Some things were designed to be recycled, such as cloth feed sacks. These were emptied, washed and used to make clothing. There was very little disposable packaging. These days the packaging is more important than the product and is often made better than the product.

It has become a disposable world and we have become willing and eager wasters. In many cases our most prized possessions are designed to become obsolete. What did you just pay for that iPad? What will it be worth in two years? We have been convinced that the value of things is based on their immediate use with no regard for their future usefulness. We have

fallen further as we have chosen to place the price of things above the quality of things. All the while, we fill up our landfills, use up our resources and pay for these cheap products to be disposed of.

Yes, it's what you keep that is the most important. As an added benefit, the monetary value of great products often increases rather than decreases. Bought any nice antiques lately? Do you really think they cost as much as you paid for them when they were new? I doubt it.

I ponder this as I sit in my music room next to my wonderful 1976 piano, looking at the portraits of Charlotte's ancestors and the antiques that we inherited from her parents. My thoughts are interrupted by the chime of our 200-year-old clock that keeps perfect time.

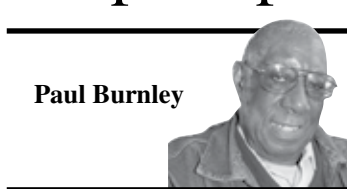
This love of old, kept things is sometimes misunderstood and dismissed as foolishness. You can blame my granddaddy for this trait in me, but I prefer to thank him. As I gaze out the window at Frog Holler, I am looking at land that granddaddy left my mother. I think he would be pleased that it is something we plan to keep!

Strange that found principles divide us now

The premise upon which the country was founded seems to have been forgotten over the years. At the beginning, the country was divided. In fact, this was the reason for the break from England, because it was agreed that people are different. This was to be a country where people of different opinions, religions, and customs would be able to live in harmony. The idea was that as long as there was respect for each other, there would be no conflict.

The thought was, "We shall pass legislation to protect the rights of everyone." This worked well during the early years of the Revolutionary War when the public's main interest was staying alive. There was not too much interest in what others were doing in their lives. There were people of different cultures, rebellions, and races. These different issues were not important to anyone; the only issue was the survival of everyone. This was the glue that forced them to work together. Fast forward to today. We find ourselves in the same type of situation that caused us to flee to this country hundreds of years ago. A quote that I have used before, from an old comic strip of years ago, states that "We have met the enemy, and it is us."

The major problem in this country is the inability of groups to work



Paul Burnley

together. This is strange, because this country became the greatest country in the world because of our differences. People of different political opinions, cultures, races, and religions were able to work together, in spite of their differences, as long as one group did not infringe upon, dictate to, or inflict their ideas and teaching on others. You have the right to disagree with what I believe, but you do not have the right to impose what you believe upon me or others.

This entire situation is strange, because the issues that are dividing us are the same issues that brought us together to form this country. There are those who say, "We have passed laws to protect against discrimination, crime, illegal actions, etc., so how can these actions cause problems today?" The important thing to remember is that you can pass all the laws you want, but it is impossible to legislate people's minds. As long as a person's opinion hasn't changed, laws will not solve the problem.

The issues that bought this country together are the same

ones that are tearing us apart. We formed this country because we did have political, cultural, and other differences but felt that ALL citizens should have a right to an opinion. Today, one political party tries to dominate the other, and one religion feels theirs is the only one to be recognized as being right. There is a fight over immigration and who should and should not be admitted to this country. We never stop to think that, with the exception of the Native Americans, we all are "illegal immigrants."

The strangest thing about this whole situation is that in the last two decades we have seen a dozen countries' governments around the world collapse, with civil wars and hundreds of deaths of citizens, because of similar issues. But for some reason, we cannot see the forest for the trees. We are so busy condemning and degrading others because they do not agree with our opinions that we never stop to look at ourselves and see our own flaws, which we all have.

I hope that we are not headed down the path that these other countries have chosen, the ones that have destroyed themselves by not being able to compromise and accept the fact that we all have imperfections.

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Reflects on Trip to once-Bountiful

Portsmouth where? Maine? Virginia?

Like many North Carolinians, my friend had not heard of Portsmouth, North Carolina. He was resisting my push to visit Portsmouth in connection with a planned trip to Ocracoke Island to participate in a program for public school teachers organized by the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, known as NCCAT.

Take out a state road map, I said, and look for an island just south of Ocracoke. You will see Portsmouth Island, and on it is marked the town of Portsmouth.

Portsmouth is just a small village with a few old buildings: houses, a store, post office, church, a former lifesaving station, and a graveyard.

But no living people. By the 1970s only three people remained on the island and they are long since gone.

The buildings, maintained by the National Park Service, stand as reminders of what Portsmouth once was: a thriving and important commercial center.

Portsmouth lies to the south of Ocracoke Island, separated by Ocracoke Inlet, which, according to the late Dirk Frankenberg's recently reissued classic, "The Nature of North Carolina's Southern Coast," is "the only inlet on the Outer Banks that has been open continuously throughout recorded history. It was a major entry into North Carolina's coastal sound and



One on One
D. G. Martin

estuaries in colonial times—first for pirates and smugglers" including Blackbeard, who was killed at the inlet in 1718. After the Revolutionary War, "the inlet became important as a transshipment site for materials used for developing the land resources of North Carolina and southern Virginia."

The village, established in the 1750s, Frankenberg wrote, "played a major role in the maritime commerce of North Carolina for the next century."

Local pilots were necessary to guide ocean-going boats across the shallow inlet. Later, facilities grew up to accommodate the need to transfer goods between larger ocean-going ships and the smaller boats that delivered cargo to local ports near the Pamlico and Albemarle sounds.

Over time a sand build-up made the Ocracoke Inlet more tortuous, and Frankenberg wrote that it was "quickly abandoned for the clearer channels of Hatteras and Oregon Inlets that were opened by the hurricane of 1846."

My friend agreed to add Portsmouth to our trip. Our three-hour ferry ride from Swan Quarter got us to Ocracoke just in time to join NCCAT leader Alton Ballance and his group

of teachers on a boat that gave us a long, cold ride across the inlet to Portsmouth with guide Rudy Austin.

Austin told us about each building and the people who worked and lived there. But other than his voice there was no sound. The eerie quietness surprised and then delighted us.

Ballance told us about once spending the night alone in the deserted village, feeling the spirits of the dead and departed villagers and trying to imagine what they were like and how they lived.

Later I remembered how Michael Parker's book, "The Watery Part of the World," set out a fictionalized version of the last three people who lived on the island. In Parker's version, university researchers visited a couple of times each year and asked questions about history and life on the island. They recorded the answers and preserved the distinctive way the threesome spoke. Their answers were not always totally honest, and their brogues became more pronounced for the outsiders they called "the Tape Recorders." The history lessons and the spur to imagination that came from our visit to Portsmouth make such a trip easy to recommend, notwithstanding the difficulty in getting there.

But, says guide Rudy Austin, be careful about going in the summertime when mosquitoes and other bugs "will eat you alive."

Estate taxes back in the gun sight

BY SCOOT MOONEYHAM
Capitol Press Association

It is a debate that has been going on for a long time.

In fact, politicians were arguing about it during the nation's founding.

Estate and inheritance taxes have always prompted bitter words.

On one side are those who see the taxes as dual taxation, an unfair levy on the sweat of those who spent a lifetime working and saving. They argue that the tax forces families to split up family businesses and family farms.

Supporters of the tax argue that only larger estates are affected, and only a fraction of estates are ever subjected to the tax.

Today, the Republican-con-

trolled General Assembly is looking at getting rid of the tax, more than a decade after dropping a separate inheritance tax.

The difference between the two is that the estate tax is applied to the estate before it is distributed among heirs; the old inheritance tax applied to the individual inheritances of the heirs.

Current state law applies the estate tax only on estates valued at more than \$5.25 million. The tax ranges from 0.8 percent to a maximum of 16 percent for estates over \$10,040,000.

The tax pulls in \$52 million a year, which is a drop in the bucket of the state's \$20 billion general operating budget.

Still, those state lawmakers who favor rescinding the tax might be a bit surprised about how

our forefathers saw this business of taxing estates.

A 1784 North Carolina statute found that abolishing some forms of inheritance would "tend to promote that equality of property which is the spirit and principle of a genuine republic." Keeping large estates together for several generations would give some families "unequal and undue influence in a republic."

In other words, these folks didn't want North Carolina to turn into merry old England, with its landed aristocracy.

That radical Thomas Paine went further. He proposed an estate tax that would be applied, not to raise money for the government treasury, but to be redistributed to all citizens at age 21.

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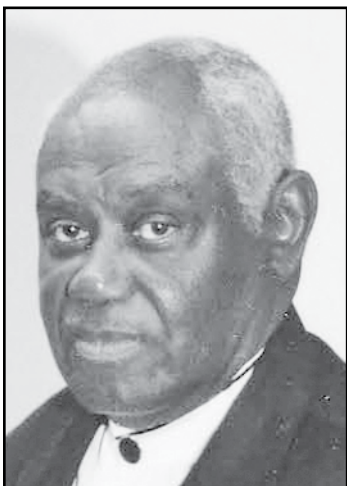


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Obituaries



Harley T. Johnson

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Harley T. Johnson, 84, of Raeford died Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Autumn Care Nursing Home.

He was an Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; five sons, Anthony, Harley, Earl, Derwin D., Terry, and Charles Johnson; two daughters, Cynthia McPhaul and Thamarine Johnson; 21 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 27 in New Beginning Committed to God's Purpose Ministry in Red Springs. Burial was in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake.



Henrietta G. Tanner

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Henrietta Gibson Tanner of Rockfish Road died Thursday, February 21, 2013 in Autumn Care of Raeford at the age of 89. She was the firstborn identi-

cal twin to the late Robert Henry Gibson and Henrietta Culbreth Gibson in Cumberland County on July 22, 1923. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roswell Vance Tanner; her siblings, Andrew Lewis Gibson, Allen Culbreth Gibson, William David Gibson, Marie Gibson Fowler (her twin), Robert Henry Gibson Jr., Eugene Hodgin Gibson, Kathleen Gibson Garner, and Virginia Rose Thornton; and a stepson, Charles Tanner. She was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Rockfish.

Survivors include one sister, Alice Gibson Allen of Rockfish; a sister-in-law, Barbara Gibson of Shelby; numerous loving nieces, nephews and cousins; a stepson, Tommy Tanner and wife Paula; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 25 at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Archie Barringer officiating. Burial was in the Alloway Cemetery in Red Springs.

Memorials may be made to Rockfish Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Mr. E.T. Brock, 7511 Rockfish Road, Raeford, NC 28376 or The Alzheimer's Association, 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 208, Raleigh, NC 27605.

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

James K. David

James K. David, 93, of Ft. Myers, Florida, formerly of Raeford, died Friday, January 25, 2013.

He was born in Salters, South Carolina in 1919 and was a graduate of the University of South Carolina. During WWII he served as a B-17 pilot with the 301st Bomb Group, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He was employed by United Airlines from 1945 until his retirement as a B-747 captain in 1979. He was preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings, and wives, Carolyn McLean Davis, a native of Raeford, and Elizabeth B. David. He was a resident of Shell Point for 17 years.

Survivors include two daugh-

ters, Carolyn M. Dettle and Cheryl D. Miller; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a large extended family; and dear friends.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 2 in the Raeford Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Braden officiating.

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



Johnnie Taylor

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Johnnie Uber Taylor of 595 Murray Hill Road in Southern Pines died Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in his home at the age of 42.

He was born in Robeson County on January 28, 1971. He was preceded in death by his father, William Edison Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Jackson Springs; his son, James Edison "Ed" Taylor of Aberdeen; his daughter, Harley Anne Taylor of Pinebluff; his mother, Dorothy Taylor; brothers, Joseph Carl Colasacco of West End, Shon Eddie Taylor of Vass, and Douglas Lorenzo Anderson of Hawaii; sisters, Katherine Smith of Fayetteville, and Debra Lynn Steptoe of Houston, Texas; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Daniel M. Wright

Daniel M. Wright of Raeford died Saturday, February 23, 2013 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst at the age of 84.

He was born in Moore County on August 11, 1928 to the late Alfred W. Wright and Lola Honeycutt Wright. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Elizabeth Bundy, E.J. Wright and Nellie McBryde.

He was a lifelong member of Raeford Evangelical Methodist Church where he served in various capacities, including Chairman of the Board of

Stewards, trustee and Sunday school teacher. He also taught Sunday school at Autumn Care of Raeford for 15 years. He retired from the North Carolina Army National Guard after serving 23 plus years.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie B. Wright of Raeford; a daughter, Katharine W. Warner and husband James of Raeford;

two sons, John M. Wright and wife Deborah of Aberdeen and wife Tammy of Lincolnton; a sister, Rachel W. Dees of Raeford; five grandchildren, Jamie Warner, Chelsi Wright, Matthew Wright and wife Brittany, Nathan Wright and wife Janey, and Jordan Wright; three great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Wright, Anira

Wright and Molly Wright.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 26 in Raeford Evangelical Methodist Church with the Reverends Roger Burns and Billy Joe Brady officiating.

Memorials may be made to Raeford Evangelical Methodist Church Building Fund, 379 West Palmer Street, Raeford, NC 28376.

Police Blotter

Raeford Police reported the following recent incidents:

February 19

Breaking and entering, larceny, Raeford-Hoke Mini Storage, victim Jacqude Smith
Communicating threats, 600 block of West Prospect Avenue, victim Ginger Ray Locklear

February 20

Possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver a controlled substance, maintaining a vehicle for the purpose of using/selling narcotics, trafficking a controlled substance, carrying a concealed weapon, 300 block of South Main Street, victim State of North Carolina. Officers conducting a traffic stop on Main Street searched a vehicle and discovered 341 units of controlled substance pills, over \$1,000 in cash and a handgun. Police arrested Winston Maurice Fonta, 32, of the 400 block of Shankle Road in Shannon on the stated charges.
Larceny by employee, 200 block of North Cole Avenue, victim Cato's. Police arrested Cato's employee Demitrich McIntosh, 34, of the 300 block of Cockman Hill Road in Raeford on charges that McIntosh allegedly took more than \$600

of cash, \$80 in gift cards plus various merchandise from the store.

Communicating threats, 300 block of Thomas Drive, victim Hoke County Head Start

Possession of controlled substance on prison or jail premises, 100 block of East Edinborough Avenue, victim State of North Carolina

February 21

Assault on a child under 12, 1900 block of Turnpike Road, victim's name withheld in accordance with The News-Journal policy. Police charged Kendrick Donta Morgan, 17, of the 1900 block of Turnpike Road in connection with the case, described in a police report as "assaulting victim upon the hand with a needle."
Possession with intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance (marijuana), 200 block of South Main Street, victim State of North Carolina. Police arrested Parrish Nathaniel Slade, 46, of the 400 block of Wooley Street in Raeford on the stated charge.

Driving while intoxicated (alcohol), fleeing to elude authorities, 100 block of Hensdale

February 23

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Drive, victim State of North Carolina. Police arrested Dana Kirk BonDurant, 23, of the 100 block of Hensdale Drive on the stated charge.

Assault in the presence of a minor, assault on a female, assault with a deadly weapon, 500 block of East Prospect Avenue, victims State of North Carolina, Bertha Mae Hope

February 24

Damage to personal property, breaking and entering a motor vehicle, 100 block of Campbell Avenue, victim Jose Cervantes

Felony fleeing to elude authorities, Fayetteville Road/West Avenue, victim State of North Carolina

Police arrested former Calico Corner employee Robert Michael Hogan, 33, of the 100 block of Magnolia Street in Raeford on charges of larceny by employee and obtaining property by false pretense. Hogan is charged with allegedly using the store's credit card machine to refund money on purchases he never made, Raeford Police Department Sgt. DeNoble said. The incidents reportedly occurred from December 24-31, 2012. Hogan is accused of stealing a total of \$3,935.62 from the store.

Electric bill help offered to Lumbee River members

The Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) is distributing funds to qualifying members who are in need of assistance with their electric bill.

The winter distribution of funds began on January 28.

Members applying for assistance must have a picture identification that reflects the name and address listed on the utility statement; present a copy of disconnect notices; have verification of monthly household income; and meet the guidelines set by the Crisis

Intervention Program. Persons who are under the age of 60 must present a referral from the Department of Social Services. For more information, contact Hoke County Senior Services at 875-8588.

Mooneyham

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Estate taxes became an especially hot topic during the Progressive Era, as robber baron-types amassed huge fortunes.

By then, supporters of the tax touted it on moral grounds. In their minds, inheritances undermined the national work ethic. (It is an interesting idea in light of current-day arguments that the tax itself penalizes frugal-

ity and the work ethic of those amassing the estate.)

One of those famous robber barons, Andrew Carnegie, wrote, "The parent who leaves his son enormous wealth generally deadens the talents and energies of the son and tempts him to lead a less useful and less worthy life than he otherwise would."

Teddy Roosevelt made similar comments.

When Congress considered, and finally approved, the federal estate tax in 1916, opponents had a different take.

One Nebraska congressman noted that if supporters "cannot reduce the cost of living, they demonstrate to the public their ability to raise the cost of dying."

Others called it class warfare. Somehow, this all sounds kind of familiar.

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Local ranch planning rodeo

Next month the North Carolina High School Rodeo Association and Mountain Mule Packer Ranch will hold a two-day rodeo plus other events at the local ranch, located just off of Highway 211 between Raeford and Aberdeen. The event set for March 15-16 will offer performances at 7 p.m. each night, plus pony rides, dummy roping and a meet-and-greet session with contestants set for 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. Young cowboys and cowgirls will compete in events including bull riding, bronco riding, steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, ribbon roping, breakaway roping, goat tying, barrel racing

and pole bending. There will also be activities for kids 12 and under including a boot scramble, plus vendors and food. Organizers said they are additionally working on adding a special rodeo for handicapped children on Saturday afternoon. Admission to the family event is \$8 for adults and teens and \$5 for military. Kids 12 and under are admitted for free. The young contestants will come from all over North and South Carolina and some will come from Tennessee to compete for jackpots as well as points that will qualify them for state and national finals later this year.

"This is the first time they have competed here, and we really want to get the word out so that we can make it an annual event," ranch owner Michele Toberer said. Toberer and her family moved to Hoke County and founded the Mountain Mule Packer Ranch last year. Among their services, Mountain Mule Packer Ranch offers trail riding, boarding and packing classes to teach members of the military how to work with pack animals. For more information, visit the ranch's website www.mountainmulepackers.com or call 848-2746.

Mill Prong House not in danger

Sometimes The News-Journal gets phone calls asking about one rumor or another in the community. Lately one such rumor was that the historic Mill Prong House on Edinburg Road had been torn down or was going to be torn down.

president of Mill Prong Preservation Inc., set the record straight. The Mill Prong House is still standing and there aren't any plans to tear it down. In fact, the preservation society plans to hold its annual open house event this coming Sunday, Stewart said. Visitors are welcome to come and see the

still standing 18th-century house for themselves and learn about its history and the preservation efforts to keep it in good shape. For more information about the Mill Prong House and a virtual tour, visit the group's website at <http://millpronghouse.com/>.

Get rid of old medications with Operation Medicine Drop

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

This year, spring cleaning can include medicine cabinets as the Raeford Police Department once again takes part in Operation Medicine Drop, a program from the North Carolina Department of Justice designed to safely dispose of old medications.

of North Carolina to sponsor a statewide prescription medication take-back program during National Poison Prevention Week," Attorney General Roy Cooper said in a statement. The Raeford Police Department will be accepting unneeded medications from March 17-21 at the office in downtown Raeford. This is the second year the local department has taken part in the statewide program, Assistant Chief Marc Godwin said. Last year the program collected more than 16 million doses of old prescription and over-the-counter drugs as part of Operation Medicine Drop events held in

March and October in cities and towns across the state. Agencies collecting the drugs will deliver them to State Bureau of Investigation offices for safe disposal. "North Carolina and the nation face a serious and growing threat from the illegal diversion of prescription drugs resulting in deadly consequences," Cooper said. "Fatal drug overdoses are now the leading cause of death due to unintentional injury in the U.S., exceeding even motor vehicle deaths. Approximately 1,000 people died from overdoses on prescription drugs last year in North Carolina alone." The operation also seeks to keep old, unused drug doses out of the hands of children and teens, Cooper added. For more information about Operation Medicine Drop, contact the Raeford Police Department at 875-4251.

Births

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst released the following birth announcement:

boy, A'Khai Anthony Jah Harris

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Sheriff Blotter

The Hoke Sheriff's Department reported the following recent incidents:

- February 15**
Injury to personal property, 4500 block of Fayetteville Road
Larceny, 7300 block of Rockfish Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 1300 block of Antioch Road
Assault with a deadly weapon, 300 block of Timber Ridge Drive
- February 16**
Breaking and entering, larceny, 200 block of Kernstown Road
Assault on a female, 300 block of Walter Gibson Road
Sex offense, 400 block of North Parker Church Road
Larceny, 600 block of Rockfish Road
- February 17**
Breaking and entering, larceny, 100 block of Breckenridge Drive
Harassing phone calls, 400 block of Greentree Drive
Larceny, 500 block of Northwoods Drive

- Breaking and entering, larceny, 400 block of Doc Brown Road
First-degree burglary, 100 block of Horace Court
- February 18**
Injury to personal property, 3100 block of Doc Brown Road
Communicating threats, 600 block of Alex Baker Road
Larceny, 2500 block of Army Road
Larceny by employee, 1200 block of Fayetteville Road
Injury to personal property, 100 block of Davis Bridge Road
Injury to personal property, 300 block of Royal Birkdale Drive
Injury to personal property, 100 block of Davis Bridge Road
- February 19**
Breaking and entering, larceny, 400 block of Stevens Street
Assault on a female, 100 block of Madison Drive
Resisting, delaying or obstructing a law enforcement officer, carrying a concealed weapon, damage to county property (use

- of force), 500 block of Rockfish Road
Attempted first-degree burglary, 500 block of Copper Creek Drive
- February 20**
Assault on a female, 300 block of Cumberland Avenue
Injury to personal property, 300 block of Royal Birkdale Drive
Larceny, 300 block of South Parker Church Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 300 block of Copper Creek Drive
- February 21**
Assault on a female, second-degree trespassing, 3400 block of Rockfish Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 300 block of Beagle Drive
Injury to personal property, 500 block of Davis Bridge Road
Possession of firearm by felon, 400 block of McDougald Drive
Larceny, 4900 block of Red Springs Road
Driving while license revoked, Rockfish Road and Eastfield Road

District Court

- Criminal cases heard Feb. 19 in Hoke County District Court, Judge John H. Horne presiding:
 - Maria Kenia Alvarado, 33, 4122 S. Powfield Drive, Fayetteville, driving while impaired, Level 5, 45 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs, community service fee, obtain assessment and undergo any recommended treatment, surrender operator's license, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed
 - Stanley Joseph Augustin III, 20, 367 Venture Lane, Raeford, improper equipment-speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
 - Eric Brandon Bennett, 30, 807 Magnolia Drive, Aberdeen, driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$200 fine and court costs, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, transfer probation to Moore County; speeding 69 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
 - Derrick Bullard, 27, 408 Raeford Green, Raeford, driving while license revoked, 15 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$200 fine and court costs
 - Travis Leroy Chatman, 22, 4104 Tudor Road, Upper Marlboro, Md., speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$100 fine and court costs; reckless driving with wanton disregard, voluntary dismissal
 - Magdalena Guadarrama-Estudillo, 33, 301 Tonya Loop, Raeford, no operator's license, \$75 fine and court costs; speeding 74 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
 - Jose Ivan Guerrero Zuniga, 28, 416 McCormick Road, Shannon, carrying concealed weapon, possession of open container/consuming alcoholic beverages in passenger area, 15 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$25 fine and court costs, judgments consolidated;

- driving left of center, voluntary dismissal
 - Tammy Terrell James, 32, 208 Oakridge Drive, Raeford, no motorcycle endorsement, court costs
 - Jeffery Alvin Jones, 46, 420 College Drive, Raeford, driving while impaired, Level 2, 12 months suspended, 18 months probation, \$100 fine and court costs, obtain assessment and undergo any recommended treatment, not to use, consume or possess any controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, serve split jail sentence within 60 days of judgment, and pay jail fees; driving while impaired, Level 1, 24 months suspended, 18 months probation, \$100 fine and court costs, attorney and court-appointment fees, not to use, consume or possess any controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, surrender operator's license, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, to be served at expiration of above sentence; open container after consuming alcohol (two counts), remit costs per count
 - Welton Ray Locklear, 37, 1471 Edinburg Road, Red Springs, driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$200 fine and court costs
 - Jerome McKoy, 47, 331 Windlock Drive, Red Springs, judge issued order for arrest on charge of driving while license revoked
 - Brian Lamar Martin Jr., 16, 245 Bahia Lane, Raeford, misdemeanor larceny, simple affray, 18 days in jail, active, credit for 18 days served, judgments consolidated
 - Voshti Iddai McCamie, 23, 1318 Bill Drive, Fayetteville, speeding 47 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone, prayer for judgment continued, court costs; reckless driving with commercial motor vehicle load permit, voluntary dismissal
 - Nathaniel McLaurin, 47, 1457 Rockfish Road, Raeford, driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$200 fine and court

- costs, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, may be transferred to unsupervised probation upon payment of all fines, fees and costs; expired registration card or tag, voluntary dismissal
 - Lazaro Roque Moreno, 47, 115 Cardinal Ave., Raeford, no operator's license, \$150 fine and court costs; window-tinting violation, voluntary dismissal
 - Pattie Norton, 52, 185 Betty Trail, Parkton, carrying concealed gun, prayer for judgment continued, court costs
 - Ethan Wayne Oxendine, 20, 521 Mount Zion Church Road, Maxton, simple possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance, five days suspended, 12 months probation, \$100 fine and court costs, not to use, consume or possess any controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, may be transferred to unsupervised probation upon payment of all fines, costs and fees
 - Nazerabibi Nadeem Shama, 33, 2439 O'Hara Drive, Raeford, failure to stop for stopped school bus, court costs
 - Towand Javayne Shaw, 27, 2134 Doc Brown Road, Raeford, driving while license revoked, 10 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$200 fine and court costs
 - Nakeya Caprice Slayton, 23, 1508 Stackhouse Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment-speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
 - Kenneth Weston Stephens, 51, 4230 Fayetteville Road, Raeford, misdemeanor larceny, one day in jail, credit for one day served; possession of stolen goods/property, voluntary dismissal; shoplifting by concealment of goods, voluntary dismissal
 - Armando Villasana-Millan, 37, 127 Folly Drive, Red Springs, no operator's license, two days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$75 fine and court costs.

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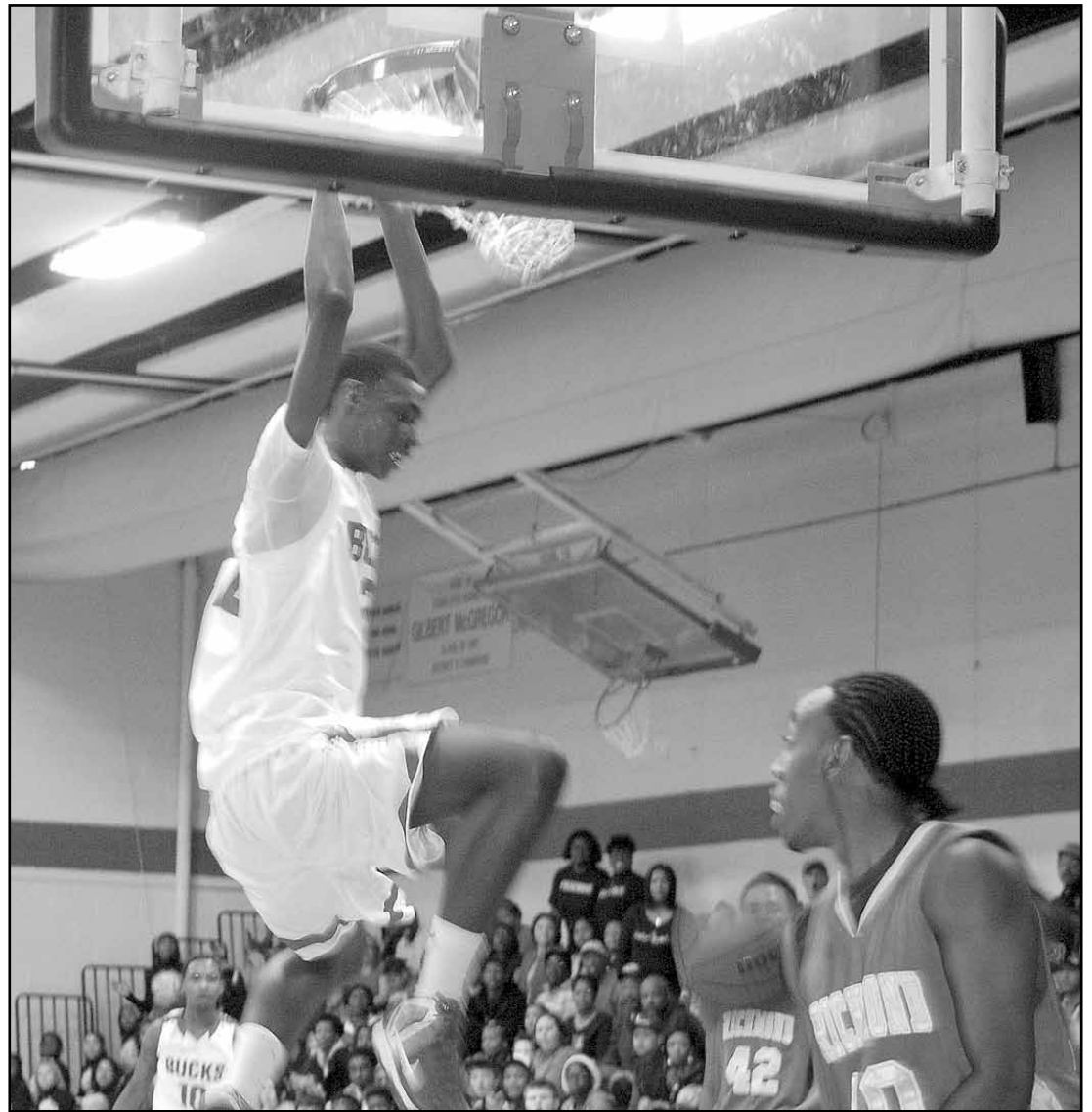
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SPORTS



Keshawn Shaw-Willis defends a three-point attempt from an East Wake player Monday night as the Bucks beat the Warriors 83-54 to advance to the second round.



Rashad Parker slams one home during the S.E.C. Championship game against Richmond County last Friday night. They will have to beat Richmond for a fourth time tonight as they play the Raiders in the second round of the state playoffs.

Bucks in 2nd round of state playoffs

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

Don't blink! Since last Wednesday, the Hoke County High School Bucks boys' basketball team has won the Southeastern Conference tournament and a first-round state playoff game this past Monday night. The Bucks completely outmatched the Warriors from Wendell 83-54 to advance to the second round tonight. The Bucks had four players in double figures and Tarique Thompson led the way with 28 points and 15 rebounds. Rashad Parker also had

a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds and also had four blocks. Brennen Wright added 17 points while Tymel Blue added 11. Rounding out the scoring was Darius Book with nine, Octavious Williams with three and Keshawn Shaw-Willis and Kory Jones with two each.

Hoke County will take on Richmond County for the fourth time tonight. The Raiders defeated Southeast Raleigh 77-73 in their first-round game to set up a rematch with the Bucks who have beat the Raiders three times already this year. In Rockingham, the Bucks escaped

with an 80-72 win on the road and then came home to beat the Raiders 63-50. Last Friday, the Bucks beat the Raiders by 18, 78-60, to win the Southeastern Conference. Coach Quame Patterson has cautioned the team about playing an opponent like Richmond again. "We cannot overlook these guys at all," Patterson told the boys after the win over East Wake.

The game is set for a 7 p.m. start in MacDonald Gymnasium tonight. If the Bucks can pull off the four-peat, they will play the winner of Seventy-First and Garner Friday night in Raeford.

Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

February 27

Girls JV Soccer at Pine Forest 5:30 p.m.

Girls V Soccer at Pine Forest 7 p.m.

Girls V Softball at Douglas Byrd 6:30 p.m.

Boys Tennis Home vs. Jack Britt 4 p.m.

Boys JV Baseball at Douglas Byrd 4:30 p.m.

Boys V Baseball at Douglas Byrd 7 p.m.

February 28

Girls JV Soccer Home vs. Union

Pines 5:30 p.m.

Girls V Soccer Home vs. Union Pines 7 p.m.

March 1

Girls JV Softball Home vs. Jack Britt 6 p.m.

Girls V Softball Home vs. Jack Britt 4:30 p.m.

Boys JV Baseball Home vs. Jack Britt 4:30 p.m.

Boys V Baseball Home vs. Jack Britt 6:30 p.m.

March 4

Girls V Softball Home vs. Douglas Byrd 6:30 p.m.

Boys JV Baseball Home vs. Douglas Byrd 4:30 p.m.

Boys V Baseball Home vs. Douglas Byrd 6:30 p.m.

March 5

Boys Tennis at Jack Britt 4 p.m.

Boys JV Baseball at St. Pauls 5 p.m.

Boys V Baseball Home vs. St. Pauls 5 p.m.

Just Putting Around

Bayonet at Puppy Creek: No Wednesday Shootout last week; however, Roger Buss hit a hole-in-one last week on hole #9 using a 7-iron from 170 yards. Mark your calendar for May 11 as Bayonet hosts the Partners In Education golf tournament.

Upland Trace: The Early Bird group played Sunday and the winners were Don Frykholm, Gary Cook, Guy Wall and Bill Wright. The JB Group played Sunday afternoon and the winners were Richard Cook, Jay English, Pat McDuffie and Ken Norbeck.



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Maynor traded

Hoke County native Eric Maynor was traded last week from the Oklahoma City Thunder of the NBA to the Portland Trailblazers. He played in his first game against the Celtics Sunday and scored two points and had three assists in 15 minutes of play. The Trailblazers won 92-86. (Photo courtesy of Portland Trailblazers)



Hoke High graduate playing for N.C. Wesleyan

Jayvoine Parker, a 2012 graduate of Hoke County High School, is now playing basketball for N.C. Wesleyan. The team played in the USA South Conference tournament last weekend at the Crown Arena in Fayetteville. Wesleyan beat Methodist; however, Jayvoine did not play in the game.

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Derby winners

Garrison Snyder (right) won Cub Scout Pack 477's Pinewood Derby race Saturday at RockFish Church. Darren Tetreault (left) won second and Christopher Santangelo (center) placed third. They will compete at the district Scout show Saturday, March 2 at Word of Life Temple in Raeford. (Submitted)



Kiwanian of the Year

Raeford Kiwanis presented the Kiwanian of the Year to the late Russell Smith. The award was accepted by his wife Becky. John Jordan made the presentation.

Other stuff

(Continued from page 1A) incredulous. A new and fancy and expensive tire isn't supposed to blow your head off!

I walked the bike to my driveway just as the mailman was loading my mailbox. "You lose a tire?" he asked. "I thought someone had shot at me," he said.

"You and me both," I said. It was not beyond the realm of possibility—me riding a bike in traffic; him putting bills in people's mailboxes. People hate. I refrained from any "going postal" jokes. I guess we need tire control instead of gun control. ♦

Heroin

(Continued from page 1A) lion bond. Keith Ortez Harris, 32, 200 block of Leisure Trail in Raeford, two counts of trafficking heroin, \$1.5 million bond. Marques Odell Long, 31, 10600 block of Highway 211 East in Aberdeen, two counts of trafficking heroin, \$1.5 mil-

lion bond. Several of those arrested have prior convictions on charges ranging from possession of stolen goods to assault with a deadly weapon and second-degree kidnapping of a minor, according to public records information from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety.

Checks

(Continued from page 1A) coming, Garcia said. The matter is still under investigation by law enforcement agencies in Hoke County, Fayetteville, Rockingham and Laurinburg.

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Firefighter

(Continued from page 1A) sponse to emergencies ranging from the blazing business fire that destroyed a local restaurant to car wrecks and house fire calls. Even though she's still fairly new at the department, Toledo works hard and is dedicated to learning more about firefighting, Fire Marshal Terry Tapp said. "She's been very active, done a lot of training trying to receive her certification," he said. The firefighter of the year award is given to a volunteer who is nominated by the department's officers and then voted on by the fellow members of the department. The officers typically nominate the firefighters who have spent the most time in training and working to become more proficient. Toledo's fellow firefighters honored her for her drive to succeed, Tapp said. "She's shown a lot of initiative," he said. Toledo was born overseas in Germany while her father served in the military. She always found firefighting fascinating but never had the right opportunity to become involved. "Just being a military brat, I haven't had kind of a stable place,

we moved around a lot," she said. Once her family moved to Hoke County and her father retired from the military, Toledo pursued a college degree in visual arts, graduated and found a job. Then she started looking into firefighting as a way of helping her community. "I figured now's as good a time as any to see if it's something I'm good at and if it's something I like doing," she said. Although Toledo didn't know what to expect, the members of the Raeford Fire Department, particularly training officer Donny Smith, encouraged her to learn about the practices of putting out fires and protecting lives. She learned a lot in a short amount of time and continues learning more as she gets more experience and training, Toledo said. "It was interesting at first, kind of overwhelming, a lot of new stuff to learn, but it was really interesting. You get into it and it's fun to learn if it's something you like doing," she said. So far Toledo has completed in-house training at local departments and has taken seminar classes in Wilmington and at Sandhills Community College.

Currently she's pursuing earning her official firefighter certification. She also recently trained to be able to drive a fire truck. "It's very intimidating, it's a big vehicle. But after a while you get into the groove of it," she said. There are several woman firefighters at local departments giving their time and energy toward keeping Hoke County safe, but Toledo is currently the only one working at the Raeford department. Receiving the award is a special honor, and being the first woman at the department to win it is gratifying, Toledo said. "It's pretty interesting being the first female to get awarded firefighter of the year, definitely. It makes me want to try harder, more than I already did," she said. "I know I'm not as physically strong as the guys are, but I give it my best, and now I feel like I need to give it a little extra more." Are there any issues specific to being a female firefighter? "Being short is sometimes a problem," she said, laughing. Frank Toledo, Toledo's father, said he and his wife were surprised when their daughter announced her intentions to become a firefighter.

"When she told us she wanted to do this, our jaws dropped. A firefighter?" he said. Since then, they've tried to be supportive of her volunteer work with the department. Now, after two years, they know what's about to happen whenever they hear the siren go off. "We hear the alarm go off and I know she's going to be running downstairs, through the den and running out the garage in order to make the call," he said. "We get up, we go to the garage, we hit the garage door button so it's a clear shot straight out so she can jump in her car and just take off from there." "They do, they sit there and clear a path," his daughter said. Although she currently works at the PX on Fort Bragg, Toledo said she does think about possibly going into firefighting as a full-time paid professional someday. Volunteer fire departments always welcome dedicated people willing to serve their communities as firefighters, Tapp said. The best way for people to look into it is to call whatever fire station is closest to their home. "We'd love to have some new volunteers," he said.

Peacocks

(Continued from page 1A) out enjoying looking at peacocks up for auctions hotly contested by others with a hankering to bring home some of the lively, large and fiercely proud birds. Today the Pattersons' property, God Creations Patterson Peafowl Farm, is home to over 100 peafowl, scores of pheasants, dozens of pigeons and even a nesting pair of black swans. The Pattersons have many more animals around too, including velvety-soft Mini Rex rabbits, playful goats, and one very laid-back mixed-breed dog named Buddy. And although maintaining the farm means they're up at dawn every day to feed, water and clean, it's time they consider well spent enjoying the company and beauty of their unusual pets. Some of which might be considered very unusual. "Emus! Come on, babies," Mrs. Patterson called into one of the pens. "Those are my babies." The biggest tenants on God Creations farm are a trio of emus tall enough to look an adult in the eye. With a coo and cluck at her "babies," and a handful of feed, Mrs. Patterson called the mob of

emus to her the way others might call a dog. The "babies" trotted over on powerful legs tipped with claws big enough to make a dingo think twice about having emu for dinner in their native homeland of Australia. The emus leaned in, letting Mrs. Patterson stroke their long, feathered necks. Three pairs of dark eyes focused intently on her as she talked to the enormous birds. "They were a week old when I got them," she said. "I always call them babies." Besides chatting with the emus, Mrs. Patterson enjoys spending time getting to know all the peacocks and their personality quirks. Walking down the aisle of the pens, she can point out exactly where each one came from and the name of its color pattern. Late on a sunny afternoon in February, the peacocks were just starting to shake out their enormous tails and display for the peahens. It's the typically drab-colored hens that decide which of the peacocks become fathers each year, and the peacocks have to work hard to get a potential girlfriend's attention, Mrs. Patterson said. "They're not like chickens or other animals," she said. "These, the female decides if she wants to breed or not." Even if they don't know exactly what's being said, the peacocks seem to like attention from people, Mrs. Patterson said. Crooning encouragement to them often makes them put their tails up on full display. "That's a pretty boy, yes he is," she cooed at one peacock. The birds can be friendly if you spend time with them, even the notoriously flighty pheasants, Mrs. Patterson said. And what was once a birthday present has long since turned into a much-loved hobby for the couple, Patterson said. "The problem that we have is that we both like it. If you're married and you've got a husband that likes one thing and you don't, then you sort of hold him back, and the other way around. But when you got both of you that like the same thing, you're in trouble," he said, laughing.

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VFW

(Continued from page 1A) officer election report, and they were not able to participate in the VFW core program." All members were transferred to the department of North Carolina at-large post, he said. "Consolidation will essentially take place, kind of in de facto," Balch said. "Post 10 will be inviting all of the former members of 7930 that were members in good stand-

ing - which means that current dues were paid - to transfer their membership from the department at large post to VFW Post 10." Post 10 members voted in December in favor of combining with Post 7930, thereby absorbing its members, but the vote did not meet the majority required under the organization's rules. The matter was sent to VFW

leadership for a final decision. Former Hoke County Veterans Service Officer Freddie McPhaul served as the final commander for Post 7930, which was founded in 1988. McPhaul previously said in December that the post had about 93 lifetime members but only about 37 were active in the organization during the post's last months.

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