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Raeford woman killed in Red Springs rampage Second woman killed, man hurt before gunman was subdued and injured

An apparent domestic dispute left two women dead and two other people seriously injured last week at a residence near Red Springs, Robeson County authorities said.

Kendra Matteson, 24, a teacher at Hawk Eye Elementary, called 911 from a residence on N.C. 211

near Red Springs to report that her husband was at the location and threatening to shoot her, according to a statement from the Robeson County Sheriff's Office. A second call to 911 reported that Matteson's husband, 31-year-old Joseph Matteson, was outside the residence shooting a gun.

When deputies arrived at the scene, they found Joseph Matteson's mother, Donna Matteson, 55, of the 2600 block of Calloway Drive in Raeford shot dead at the scene. She was found lying in the backyard of the house, according to authorities.

Officers also found

Kathy Bullard, 59, who owned the residence shot dead inside the home. Mark Anthony Bullard, of the home, had also been shot several times. Deputies located Joseph Matteson on the ground outside of the house suffering from severe head injuries.

"From witness at the

scene, Joseph Matteson shot his mother in the backyard with a handgun and also shot Kathy Bullard inside the residence as well as Mark Anthony Bullard. He ran out of ammunition and Joseph then chased his wife, Kendra outside the home, where Mark Anthony Bullard and a family

friend took him down and a struggle ensued where Joseph Matteson sustained severe head injuries from the struggle," the Robeson County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Joseph Matteson and Mark Anthony Bullard were transported to Southeastern (See **KILLED**, page 4A)



Snow! Forecasters got it right, and wet, large flakes fell Saturday across Hoke County. The snow probably stopped solar electricity production (top); the best and surest sign of snow (above); a Cooper's Hawk dines in an East Hoke backyard. (Nunn, MacDonald photos)



Pernell in 2010

Rapist gets life

'I didn't face those problems and became what I hate.'
—Pernell

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Dishonorably discharged U.S. Army soldier Aaron Pernell, 25, was sentenced Monday to serve more than 100 years in prison after pleading guilty to attacking seven women in the Fort Bragg area in 2008-09.

Pernell pleaded guilty to nearly 30 charges including first-degree kidnapping, first-degree rape, and attempted second-degree rape as part of a plea bargain arrangement with prosecutors in Hoke and Cumberland counties. The maximum possible sentence (See **RAPIST**, page 4A)

Sandy Grove will draw from students closest to school

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Rising sixth, seventh and eighth grade students living in the vicinity of the Sandy Grove schools will become the first class of Sandy Grove Middle School Panthers this fall, the Hoke County Board of Education

decided last week.

The board members unanimously approved a location-based student assignment plan that will pull students into the new middle school according to how close their home is to Sandy Grove. A map of the attendance area shows a circle around Sandy Grove

Middle and expanding outward through the community, pulling in students who will attend the school once it opens this fall.

Now that the board has approved the assignment plan, families should soon receive notification if their home is in the selected attendance area for Sandy

Grove Middle, Superintendent Dr. Freddie Williamson said.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners has not yet publicly discussed the school system's request for an additional \$1.1 million in local funding to pay for costs that weren't factored in to the initial Sandy Grove

Middle funding package. The commission approved a three-cent property tax increase two years ago to fund the middle school, which is touted by architectural firm SFL+A as designed to be among the most environmentally friendly schools in the nation.

A commissioner said the

board probably won't officially consider the request until the start of the annual budget workshops, which typically get underway in March.

Don Steed appeared before the board to provide an update on the Eco Ridge teacher housing development. (See **SCHOOLS**, page 4A)

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OTHER STUFF

BY KEN MACDONALD

You're sitting in your office daydreaming, looking out the window through the blinds at the bright blue sky. A white streak approaching from the left catches your eye and crosses your field of view. "Oh cool!" you say under your breath. "It's a meteorite." The ball of white grows fierce and flashes bright... then is no more, and again you say, "cool!"

That would have been my reaction too, but I would have been a fool because I never

really thought about the shock-wave that arrives a little while later.

Just as I would have been reaching for the phone to text "Guess what I just saw," that sucker would have hit—WHAM!—the glass and blinds would have imploded, and I would have been knocked to the floor just like in the YouTube videos of the Russian event over the weekend. And I would have stayed right there, dead of a heart attack.

Heck, the noise from one of (See **OTHER STUFF**, page 6A)

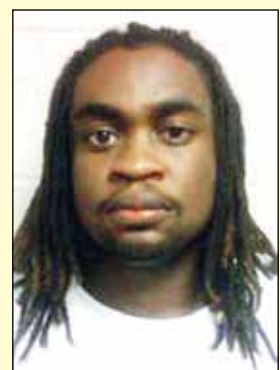
Third person arrested in fatal robbery



Vega



Aimee Ross



Ronald Ross

Hoke County authorities have arrested a third person in connection with an armed robbery earlier this month that left a store owner injured and a 16-year-old intruder dead.

Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested Ronald Ross Jr., 24, of the Park Place Mobile Home Park on charges of conspiracy to commit armed

robbery, robbery with a dangerous weapon, aiding and abetting armed robbery and breaking and entering. He was held under a \$1 million bond.

The third arrest came a week after four masked intruders entered the All American Mattress and Furniture store on N.C. 211 south of Raeford while store (See **ARRESTED**, page 6A)

VIEWPOINTS

We Get Letters

I'd rather police be able to search suspected criminals

To the Editor:
Gracie Breeden asked in a letter to the editor how we would feel if our son would have been searched, handcuffed for no apparent reason. I tell you how, pretty good because that means that the police are doing their job. They saw something that they thought was worth investigating, even if the mother does not agree.

But in Gracie Breeden's opinion, it was only because her son is black and because God did not create her child to be a drug dealer. If she thinks it would only be so easy... I do not think any parent thinks that their child can do wrong such as being a drug

dealer or robbing a store, but the fact is that things do happen, no matter what color your skin is. Parents are not always in touch with what their kids do and in that I include myself. Sometimes they are innocent and sometimes they are not but if the police feel there is a reason to search or stop somebody, I think they should, even if that person is black. The way the search, etc. was done sounds pretty standard to me. If that would happen to my son and it turns out that he did nothing wrong, I would tell him that he now has learned what it feels like to be on the wrong side of the law and he better keep it straight. I'd rather

have the police conduct a search and find out that the person did not do anything wrong than have them search nobody at all. How are they supposed to know if the people in the car are all good God-fearing citizens or not? Is there a special sign for that? Does it even matter? It is rather sad that it seems this is more an issue of skin color for this mother than it is about safety. I am sure it was a scary experience for her son but the good thing is that he was innocent. Next time the police stops somebody a crime may be prevented. Rather be safe than sorry.

Claudia Jones
Raeford

City crews show there are nice things about Raeford

To the Editor:
On February 7 at 3:30 a.m., an unusual thing happened in our front yard. A pick-up truck struck our bricked-in mailbox and scattered it across three yards. We, of course, were asleep. However, around 5 a.m. we kept hearing a loud noise on the street in front of our home. Due to the incline, we were unable to see what the front loader was doing. Our neighbor across the street had been awakened by the load noise and called 911.

a.m., dressed and went to investigate. The City's front loader had been removing brick from the roadway so the 7 a.m. folks could pass and get to work. The City utilities crew came back and completely cleaned up all the broken brick from our neighbor's yards.

On February 13, we saw a letter in The News-Journal concerning folks in Raeford not being kind to one another. I only wish this person would reach out to the City of Raeford, the Raeford Police Department, its chief and the City's Utilities Department.

These folks have been wonderful to us. 911 was available and prompt to dispatch the assistance.

We love Raeford. We have so many wonderful friends and neighbors who look after each other.

Thank you for your service to us this day and also for your continued support shown to us when our paths cross.

Raeford is a wonderful place to live. We cannot think of any other place we would rather call home.

Jim and Jean Wade
Raeford

We welcome your letters

The News-Journal welcomes letters to the editor and encourages readers to express their opinions.

Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. The street address and phone number will not be published, but are required so we may verify authenticity. The name of the writer

and, in some cases, the town the writer is from will be published at the end of the letter.

We are not able to publish letters that are essentially thank-you cards.

We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar, as well as those that exceed 300 words. We will not

publish letters that we consider to be in poor taste or libelous. In some cases we may add an editor's note as a postscript when we believe a correction, explanation or amplification is warranted. We may also, at our discretion, limit the number of times an individual writer may submit a letter for publication.

The wheels will come off the spending train

Being from this area, I am one of the many descendants of a mongrel political breed that was widely known as the Blue Dog Democrat. This breed tended to be more liberal on the social side and more conservative on the fiscal side. I thought that Republicans only existed in other parts of the country while growing up. There were often no Republicans in the races for local positions. Things have changed over the years that have tilted our area more to the Republican side of the debates. As for myself, while not really changing my views all that much, I now describe myself as moderate. In fact, my motto is "All things in moderation."

For those of you who don't know, this area of North Carolina was originally settled by predominately Scotch immigrants. The phone book is filled with Mc this and Mc that as a result. I am a direct descendant of these Scots and inherited their ability to squeeze eleven cents out of a dime. While I have been called "cheap" way too many times to suit me, I will wear the hat that fits, and I am comfortable with my burden. I got my first loan at 16 to buy a musical instrument and was uncomfortable until I was able to pay it off. Debt has always bothered me and living within my means has always been a rule with no exceptions.

Well, I suspect you know where this is headed by now. It was around 1980 that it became clear to me that



Frog Holler Philosophy
Ron Huff

our country was writing what would amount to bad checks if written by you or me. No one seemed to notice much. Our debt began to sneak up on us. It was always easier to let the government sweep this under the rug and spend all our energy focused on other issues. Around 2000, things really got out of control when we decided that we could fight wars, add a prescription drug benefit to health care and go on a huge binge called "Homeland Security" without really worrying where the money would come from. I don't blame this on anyone but the citizens of this country who have allowed it to happen while sticking our heads in the sand.

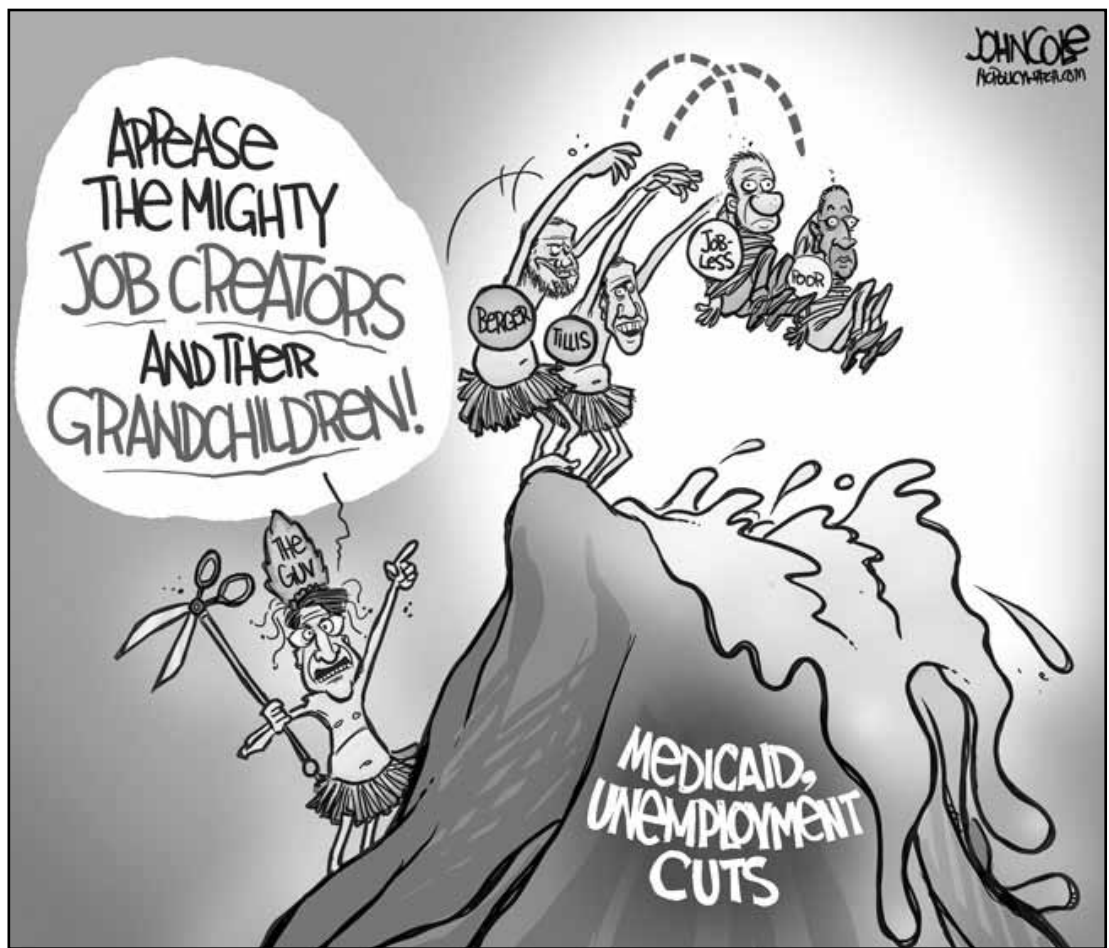
Now that we are way over our heads in debt, our representatives have decided to talk about it, but only, it seems, to better position their party for the next election. They have decided that one party will take the spending cut side and one will take the revenue raising side so that they can continue to avoid doing anything meaningful. Both sides know, as do you and I, that there will be no gain without pain in this situation. No one in government has the courage to tell it

like it is. In the meantime, we have neither applied the brakes to the spending train nor raised the ticket prices for us, the passengers. Both are desperately needed.

Everyone in this country benefits in the short-term from this reckless spending. Everyone will suffer the consequences when the wheels finally come off the train. Taking a little more from those who we feel can afford it will not solve the problem. Snipping around the edges of our spending will not solve it. Waiting for the politicians to get around to it will not solve it. Only the will and sacrifice of the citizens will solve it. At best, it will take several decades to correct. Let's get the debate heading in a positive direction and demand a long-term approach to this crisis. Don't think that you are entitled to anything you are able to take from the system and that your piece of the pie should not be touched.

Call or write your representatives and tell them you are tired of this evasive game that they call governing. Demand that they negotiate and find common ground. Go to the internet and voice your opinion. You can try <http://www.usa.gov/Contact.shtml> or other sites. This is an easy way to voice your opinion where it counts.

As for the sanctity of entitlements, all we are entitled to is the train wreck that is ahead if we don't take action.

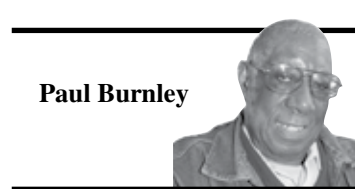


Government needs to step in and help

The action lately by our political leaders has been something unseen by the American public. When there have been disputes between the parties, a compromise was always reached before the public suffered. Today the interest of the public does not seem to matter to those we send to represent us. They seem too busy promoting their particular agendas. This is not only on the national level but their actions also affect us here on the local level.

The economy of this area has been dependant on Fort Bragg and the servicemen stationed there for the last 60 years. There is no doubt that the growth of Hoke and Cumberland counties has depended upon the military population. But as I reported more than 15 years ago, this area must find other means of support. No area's economy should be based totally on a military presence, especially now that there is to be a cutback in military personnel.

We do appreciate the support and financial contribution the military has made to the growth of our area, but now we must be able to stand on our own with the military downsizing. The withdrawal of troops from the Middle East and the downsizing of the military will mean a smaller military force. This will affect the



Paul Burnley

economy of this area.

Much of the revenue for the development of our area comes from the military stationed here. The expected cuts will affect the economy of Hoke and Cumberland counties. The political leaders of our area should have had the foresight to anticipate this action.

The representatives of our area should be concentrating on attracting companies and businesses to our area that will produce jobs for our residents instead of bickering over party politics. There is higher unemployment in this area of North Carolina than in any other. Other areas of the state have grown and prospered during difficult times by changing ideas and planning. It is time for the people we send to the nation's and state capitals to start working for the interest of their constituents, the voters who put them in office, instead of what is good for their particular party.

More interest should be placed on jobs for the citizens of Hoke County. With the building of the two new hospitals, there will be

a need for employees, but they must have the skills to fill these positions. Many of these skills can be obtained by attending one of our community colleges. With the loss of military personnel in our area—unless that void is filled by new jobs for our citizens—the economic situation for this area will be disastrous. If these jobs are filled by persons outside our county, it does nothing to assist our economy.

There are many who think that the government should not enforce their laws and opinions concerning local issues. In many instances, local authorities are not equipped to solve problems that affect the general population. During the Great Depression, it was the government that produced jobs by starting the Work Project Administration and Public Works Administration. That built our highway system as well as other projects that not only produced jobs but also made our nation the progressive leader of the world.

A public works program would not only improve the economy of areas such as ours but would also give the needed repairs to the infrastructure of this country. Maybe it's time for the government to introduce such programs.

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Manufacturing different, but not dead in NC

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

So said Mark Twain after hearing that his obituary had been published in the New York Journal.

And many of the more than 1,000 people who attended the Emerging Issues Forum last week are saying something similar about the reported death of manufacturing in North Carolina. "Manufacturing is not dead; it is on the upswing in our state."

Wait a minute. Even the forum's sponsor, North Carolina State's Emerging Issues Institute, acknowledges that between 1992 and 2010, manufacturing employment in our state declined by 30.6 percent, leaving fewer than 620,000 manufacturing jobs.

Meanwhile, although the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, plastics, and food processing products is growing rapidly, employment



One on One
D. G. Martin

in textiles, furniture, and tobacco manufacturing is down. Maybe not down and out. Maybe not quite dead.

"Manufacturing has a public image problem," reported the institute.

By showcasing a host of new manufacturing activities, the forum attacked the public image problem and persuaded attendees that there is a manufacturing renaissance in our state.

But the renaissance the forum touted is based on a new model.

For instance, Gart Davis, founder of Durham-based Spoonflower, explained how his manufacturing business makes it "possible for

individuals to design, print and sell their own fabric, wallpaper and wall decals."

So, if you want your own design for a fabric or wallpaper, Spoonflower can manufacture those products, quickly, in small amounts, at a reasonable price.

The process is made possible, according to Spoonflower, by modern digital textile printers, which are large-format inkjet printers modified to run fabric.

If you follow book publishing, Spoonflower is for fabric design and manufacturing as "books on demand" is to the publishing process.

But the modern textile printer, by itself, could not ensure Spoonflower's success. In the old days textile manufacturers, large and small, required a network of expensive support services, including sales representatives, advertising

(See MARTIN, page 3A)

TODAY'S HOMEWORK (Notes on Education)

"Let me make the case that you shouldn't save one penny for your kid's college tuition. Don't even open a 529 college savings account. ...Don't. Even. Bother. Instead, take all the money you think you want to stash away for college and do some or all of this every single year from now until your children are college age:
Spend a week traveling with your child—in Europe, road trip across America, rail through Canada. Pick a different spot every year and go explore, learn, then speak, a new language, taste new foods, assimilate into the culture of the region.
Buy an old car/boat/house and rehab it together.
Enroll in cooking classes together.
Subscribe to a local theater season of plays, musicals and acting classes.
Try to see every Major League Baseball ballpark, or road trip to a cluster of minor league parks.
Build them a book nook in a corner of your home.
Get pampered at a spa together.
Let your child take piano/guitar/trumpet/singing/dancing/gymnastics lessons. Maybe give that old instrument another try yourself, and learn together.
The key word in all of that: TOGETHER."
—from blog by Jeff Bogle, The Good Men Project

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Obituaries

Roscoe Miles

Roscoe Miles, 90, died Saturday, February 9, 2013 at FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Center in Pinehurst.

Survivors include a daughter, Reba D. Miles; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 15 at Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Red Springs. Burial was in the church cemetery.



Constance L. Maroney

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Constance Louise Maroney of Raeford died Thursday, February 14, 2013 in her home at the age of 52.

She was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on February 5, 1961. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Crystal Dawn Harrison, her brother, Carl Edward Black, and her father, John Tom Black Sr.

Survivors include her husband, Kip N. Maroney of Raeford; her daughter, Alicia M. Boswell of Raeford; her mother, Connie Gillis of Biscoe; her brothers, Tom Black Jr. of Biscoe, and Chris Black of Seagrove; and her granddaughter, Kaydence Dawn Boswell.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 16 at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Toby Neal officiating. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Hoke County, 336 South Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376. Online condolences may be made at www.crumplerfuneral-home.com.

Madeline W. Coffield

Madeline Whitehead Coffield,



Madeline W. Coffield

87, of Wilson, formerly of Raeford, died Thursday, February 14, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon McNeil Coffield Sr.

Survivors include her daughters, Betsey C. Hendrix and husband Greg of Pfafftown, and Sandra C. Voorhes and husband Tony of Wilson; her sons, Vernon McNeil "Mac" Coffield Jr. and wife Jean of Cornelius, Steve Coffield and wife Debbie of Matthews, and Carl Coffield of Wilson; 10 grandchildren, Dr. Neil Coffield, Brad Coffield, Timothy Coffield, Ryan Coffield, Eric Hendrix, Leslie Freeman, Amber Moss, Jeffrie Ann Moss, Amanda Coffield, and Douglas Coffield; and five great-grandchildren, Aidan Coffield, Gavin Coffield, Wesley Coffield, Wyatt Coffield, and Emery Coffield.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 16 at Sunnyside Cemetery in Scotland Neck with the Rev. David Allen presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago, IL 60611.

Internet condolences may be made at www.letchworthfuneral-home.com.

Harold M. Thrower



Harold Monroe Thrower Sr. of Red Springs and Raeford died Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at the age of 89.

He was born September 28, 1923 in Red Springs, the youngest son of the late Fairley and Pearl Currie Thrower. He was a graduate

of Red Springs High School and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During World War II, he attended the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Rhode Island and later served in the Army Air Forces.

He was the owner and proprietor of Thrower's General Store for more than half a century. An elder at Philadelphus Presbyterian Church for many years, he was the author of "The History of Raft Swamp and Philadelphus Presbyterian Churches," which received an award from the North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society. He was a dedicated local historian, an occasional columnist for the Red Springs Citizen, a farmer, and a private pilot.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Jane Brown Thrower.

Survivors include his daughters, Elizabeth T. Kane of Red Springs, and Marie Thrower and husband Charles Rowe of Charleston, South Carolina; his son, Harold "Hal" Thrower Jr. and wife Janet of Raeford; one grandson, Graham Rowe of Chandler, Arizona; and one step-grandson, Miles Rowe of Durham.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 17 at Philadelphus Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Mike McGehee officiating. Burial was in Alloway Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, or McMillan Memorial Library, 205 East 2nd Avenue, Red Springs, NC 28377.

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

John Baldwin

John Purvist Baldwin, 73, of Raeford died Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Survivors include his daughters, Lula, Brenda, Kathleen, Belinda and Shavonne; his sons, Ray, John and Dedrick; siblings, Tony, John, Doloris, Linda, Brenda, Gloria, Elizabeth, Marvel; and 25 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 16 in Buie Funeral Home chapel in Raeford. Burial was in Baldwin Memorial Cemetery.

Martin

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campaigns, factors, and bankers.

Spoonflower operates without them.

"We get paid and we keep it all," Davis told the Emerging Issues audience.

Manufacturing on demand permits Spoonflower to collect from its customers immediately, using online payment services such as PayPal.

The internet's social media con-

nects satisfied customers to other fabric users, spreading the word without expensive paid ad campaigns. The company's webpage (www.spoonflower.com) provides potential customers all they need to place orders. Be careful. If you visit that site, you might find yourself placing an order.

Spoonflower does a healthy export business. Its business model avoids the complexities that discourage some larger manufacturers

from exporting. For instance, using Google's translation program, it communicates directly with potential non-English speaking customers.

And, says Davis, they have learned how to ship a small order to a distant place like Tasmania in Australia for only \$2.

Why did Davis pick Durham for Spoonflower? He says the entrepreneurial culture and resources in the Research Triangle area and the help

available from N.C. State's College of Textiles were big factors.

Ongoing research at other universities could lead to new manufacturing businesses. Dr. Anthony Atala, director of Wake Forest's Institute for Regenerative Medicine, described the processes his team uses to build replacement body parts using as raw materials the patient-recipient's cells. In the lab, Atala's team can build replacement blood vessels and bladders. They have their sights on more complicated organs. The lab process is very expensive, but as production is refined and transferred to manufacturers, costs will decline.

The forum's message was "North Carolina is uniquely positioned to take advantage of these opportunities."

Why uniquely positioned? Because of an explosion of research and future researchers on our university campuses, because of the flexible and effective job-training capability of the state's community colleges, because of cooperative, supportive, and helpful governments at all levels, North Carolina's manufacturing tradition is far from dead.

Sheriff Blotter

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

- February 8**
Concealed weapon seizure, 100 block of Huntington Road
Larceny, 500 block of Kernstown Road
Larceny, 4600 block of Fayetteville Road
Domestic violence order violation, 1500 block of McBryde Mill Road
Armed robbery, 9700 block of Aberdeen Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 100 block of Iris Street
- February 9**
Injury to personal property, 100 block of Iris Street
Simple assault, assault with a deadly weapon, 200 block of North McPhatter Road
Communicating threats, 500 block of Inverary Drive
Fire investigation, Hawkeye Drive
Fraud, 100 block of Alexander Court
Death investigation, 200 block of Grenada Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 2600 block of Red Springs Road
Possession of marijuana, larceny, 7300 block of Rockfish Road
Stabbing, 100 block of Huckabee Street
Injury to personal property, 100 block of Live Oak Drive
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 100 block of Franklin

- Drive
February 10
Assault on a female, 400 block of McDougald Drive
Injury to personal property, 400 block of Doc Brown Road
Fraud, 100 block of McKinley Court
Breaking and entering, 100 block of Cicero Beatty Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 500 block of Cypress Drive
- February 11**
Breaking, entering, larceny to motor vehicle, 300 block of Bugle Call
Breaking, entering, larceny to motor vehicle, 100 block of Terrier Way
Breaking, entering, larceny to motor vehicle, 300 block of Bugle Call
Breaking, entering, larceny to motor vehicle, 100 block of Blue Water
Breaking and entering, larceny, 3000 block of Balfour Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 2700 block of Balfour Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 200 block of Quewhiffle Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 2400 block of O'Hara Drive
Larceny, 100 block of Hawkeye Drive
Larceny, 2600 block of Highway 401 Business
Phone harassment, 100 block of Bayou Court
- February 12**
Breaking and entering, 300 block

- of Bonney Lane
Communicating threats, harassing phone calls, 200 block of Woodrow Lane
Breaking and entering, 2300 block of Quigley Court
Breaking and entering, 200 block of Leisure Trail
Injury to personal property, 4500 block of Fayetteville Road
- February 13**
Breaking and entering, larceny, 2600 block of Red Springs Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 300 block of Gibson Drive
Breaking and entering, injury to real property, 200 block of Streamfall Court
Breaking and entering, larceny, 100 block of Grapevine Court
Shoplifting, 7300 block of Rockfish Road
Breaking and entering, larceny, 100 block of Horace Court
Obtaining property by false pretense, 2600 block of Highway 401 Business
Larceny, 100 block of St. Johns Loop
Breaking and entering, larceny, 400 block of Stevens Street
Injury to personal property, assault, Lisenbee Mobile Home Park
- February 14**
Fraud, 100 block of Ashcroft Court
Larceny, 100 block of McQuage Road
Larceny, 200 block of Belle Chase Drive

Police Blotter

- February 15**
Larceny, 200 block of South Main Street, victims Bo's Food Store and Maxway
Larceny, 100 block of Harris Avenue, victim Carolina Car Wash
Larceny, 700 block of West Prospect Avenue, victim Auto Mat Car Wash Number 5
Check fraud, 300 block of East Prospect Avenue, victims Debra Collins Smith and Thomas Ashley Smith
- February 16**
Resisting a public officer, 400 block of West Prospect Avenue, victim State of North Carolina

- February 15**
Larceny, 100 block of Harris Avenue, victim Carolina Car Wash
Larceny, 700 block of West Prospect Avenue, victim Auto Mat Car Wash Number 5
Check fraud, 300 block of East Prospect Avenue, victims Debra Collins Smith and Thomas Ashley Smith
- February 16**
Second-degree trespassing, 500 block of Harris Avenue, victim Bucktown Lounge. Police arrested

- rested Ronald Ellerbe, 44, of the 1300 block of Hobson Road after he refused to leave the premises, according to a report.
Larceny, 400 block of Aberdeen Road, victim Wilco Hess
- February 18**
Assault, found property, 700 block of Forrest Street, victim Javonda Daniels
Communicating threats, injury to real property, 200 block of East Prospect Avenue, victim Linda Watson
Larceny, 1300 block of 401 Business Highway, victim A-1 Gas and Food Mart

District Court

- Recent cases disposed of in Hoke County Criminal District Court:
February 12
Judge Regina M. Joe presiding

- Franklin Durrell Alston, 23, 592 Robert Chapel Road, Goldston, license plate frame cover violation, 10 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised

- probation, \$100 fine and court costs; no operator's license, voluntary dismissal
Alvin O'Neil Atkinson, 45, (See COURT, page 4A)

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Man arrested on rape charge

A 41-year-old man from Hoke County was arrested last week and charged with the statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl. Deputies arrested Derrick Jamal Wilson, 41, of the 400 block of North Parker Church Road on two counts of felonious statutory rape, two counts of felonious indecent liberties with a child and one count of misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

A call to the Hoke County

Sheriff's Office around 2:45 p.m. Saturday, February 16 reported an allegation of statutory rape in progress at the residence on North Parker Church Road. Deputies at the scene allegedly discovered Wilson inside the residence with the 15-year-old, who was partially clothed, according to a statement from the sheriff's office. Investigators arrested Wilson at the scene. He was held under a \$100,000 bond.



Derrick Jamal Wilson

Teen killed in accidental shooting

A 16-year-old from Shannon was accidentally shot and killed last week while he and his younger brother played with a shotgun, the Robeson County Sheriff's Office said. Robeson County Sheriff's deputies and emergency medical services responded to a call

of a shooting on McQueen Road in Shannon around 9:30 p.m. Thursday, February 14. Investigators found two brothers, ages 14 and 16, had been "playing with a shotgun" when the gun fired and struck the 16-year-old in the chest. The teenager was unresponsive at the scene and was later

pronounced dead at the hospital, officials reported. Authorities later said there were no adults home at the time of the shooting. The investigation is ongoing through the Robeson County Sheriff's Office. No names or other details have been released yet.

Schools

(Continued from page 1A) ment. The rent for each unit will be \$750 for teachers, or \$900 for a couple including one teacher and one non-teacher. The increased price for a family including a non-teacher is due to the committee's attempts at making sure the apartments remain true to the intended purpose of encouraging teachers to come to and stay in Hoke County, officials discussed. If any units remain for rent after allowing incoming teach-

ers first chance at the housing development, first other school employees - barring administrators - will have a chance to rent one of the apartments, Steed said. If there are still open units after that, local law enforcement officers will be allowed to file rental applications. One of the units is already set aside as housing for a police officer as an extra safety measure for the future tenants, Steed added. Leslie Bailey, a principal in-

tern with Hoke County Schools, gave an update on her participation in the Sandhills Leadership Academy. The academy is a statewide initiative to train future school principals through an intensive hands-on course of study under the guidance of working school principals. The board also recognized the county school system's bus drivers in honor of School Bus Driver Appreciation Week, an initiative supported by the North Carolina Governor's Office.

Court

(Continued from page 3A) 207 Temple Ave., Sanford, driving while license revoked, five days in jail, credit for five days served; speeding 34 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
 • Alan Bryan Bell, 55, 116 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, violation of a protective order from domestic violence, 60 days suspended, 12 months probation, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, transfer probation to Wake County
 • Necie Ann Locklear, 120 Hawkeye Sands, Red Springs, violation of a protective order from domestic violence, 150 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, not to threaten, harass, assault or intimidate prosecuting witness; possession of open container or consumption of alcohol in passenger area, 120 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, no contact with prosecuting witnesses (consolidated with judgments in another recent case on charges of indecent exposure and second-degree trespass), sentences to be served consecutively
 • Francisco Miro, 39, 123 Usher St., Raeford, obtaining property using false information, no operator's license, 12 days in jail, active, credit for 12 days served; offering fictitious information to an officer, expired registration card or tag, voluntary dismissal
 • Sheldon Rogers, 44, 231 Carthen Lane, Raeford, assault on a female, 150 days suspended, 12 months probation, court costs, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, obtain assessment for substance

abuse and undergo any recommended treatment
 • Cindy Lee Scott, 41, 23160 Marston Road, Laurel Hill, misdemeanor larceny, 120 days in jail, active, credit for one day served
February 13
 Judge William C. McIlwain presiding
 • Eric Locklear, 18, 5401 Red Springs Road, Red Springs, misdemeanor larceny, 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, no contact with prosecuting witness, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same
 • Linda Dimery, 41, 8600 Ray Locklear Road, Laurinburg, common-law forgery, two counts, 120 days suspended, 18 months probation, pay \$650 restitution to prosecuting business, court costs, attorney and court-appointment fees, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, transfer probation to Scotland County, upon payment of all costs, fees and restitution, defendant may be transferred to unsupervised probation, judgments consolidated; obtaining property by false pretense, voluntary dismissal
 • Derek Locklear, 34, 518 E.

Fifth Ave., Raeford, violation of a protective order from domestic violence, 75 days suspended, 18 months probation, court costs, no contact with prosecuting witness, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, enroll in special counseling service program, upon completion of program and payment of all costs, defendant may be transferred to unsupervised probation
 • Cassandra M. McLaughlin, 39, 6348 Arabia Road, Lumber Bridge, shoplifting by concealment of goods, 120 days suspended, 18 months probation, \$100 fine and court costs, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, undergo assessment and follow any recommended treatment, to be served at expiration of sentence listed below; driving while license revoked, 120 days suspended, 18 months probation, \$150 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, serve at expiration of sentence now serving; possession of stolen goods/property, voluntary dismissal.

Board names interim Parks and Rec director

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

Following the sudden death of Parks and Recreation Director Elgin Blue earlier this month, the Hoke County Board of Commissioners has appointed department employee Kendrick Maynor to fill in as interim.

The board members approved Maynor as part of a seven-item consent agenda at their regularly scheduled meeting Monday night. County Manager Tim Johnson suggested Maynor, according to a letter from his office.

"Kendrick has been with the department since October of 2008 and I feel he is the best choice for interim director from the current list of employees. Should the Board approve this request Kendrick may serve until such a time as the Board makes a decision on a permanent replacement for this vacancy," Johnson wrote.

In other business, members and officers of the Friends of the Library nonprofit organization appeared before the board

to share information about the group's attempts to obtain a bookmobile for Hoke County.

"We're asking for your support," President Betty Perkins told commissioners.

Perkins offered information about the costs of a bookmobile and its operations, survey results and potential benefits of offering bookmobile services to people in the area.

"We need Hoke County residents using Hoke County resources," she said.

A bookmobile would cost about \$160,000 to purchase, with yearly operating costs just under \$40,000, according to the group's estimates.

But the project's viability depends largely on whether the commission is seen as supporting the nonprofit's attempts to buy a bookmobile, organization Vice President Darlene Clark said.

"We've hit a wall. We can't go any further without your blessings," she said. "Large organizations and businesses are not going to go any further if our county commissioners are

not on board with this."

The organization provided the board with a resolution for future consideration that would lend the county's backing to any grant applications or funding.

Several items were removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting, including a resolution for approval of the 1B waste water system plans, a presentation by Gretchen Kelly about the FirstHealth hospital project and reappointments to the county's zoning committee.

The board members also heard updates from Tax Collector Daphne Dudley and Tax Assessor Jennie Gibson.

The board recessed the meeting until Friday, March 1 at 9 a.m. when the board members will resume the meeting for the purpose of approving documents related to the ongoing sewer project improvements.

Commission Chairman James Leach was not in attendance at the meeting. Vice Chairwoman Ellen McNeill oversaw the running of the meeting.

Rapist

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for the convictions was a total of two life sentences plus more than 2,136 months, Hoke County Superior Court Judge Richard Brown said.

In addition to the criminal court conviction, in 2010 Pernell pleaded guilty in a military court to a charge that he raped a woman on Fort Bragg. He was demoted to E-1 and dishonorably discharged from the military. He is already serving a 50-year sentence at Fort Leavenworth in connection with that conviction.

Several of Pernell's victims faced him in the courtroom and spoke about how his actions have affected their lives in the years since the attacks. One woman read Psalm 18 and said she thanked God for the support of her husband, who has stood by her through the long and ongoing process of recovering from the psychological damage she suffered after being attacked

by Pernell.

"Some of these women will never get their lives back," she said. Pernell "stole our self-confidence, he stole our sense of humanity," she said.

Several of the victims said they felt sorry for Pernell's own young daughter.

"There's a little girl who's going to grow up knowing her father is a rapist," one victim said. "...She will be saddled for the rest of her life expecting that kind of behavior from any man in her life."

Assistant Hoke County District Attorney Mike Hardin said the victims continue to deal with the fallout from being attacked by Pernell.

"They don't feel safe in their own homes anymore," he said.

Many more women in the area who were not ever attacked by Pernell also suffered from fear about the possibility of being harmed by the serial rapist in the

months before he was caught, the assistant district attorney said.

"People were very frightened about what was happening," Hardin said.

Pernell read a statement in court apologizing to the victims and taking responsibility for his actions.

"You don't share any of the guilt. The blame is mine and it's all mine," he said.

In his statement, Pernell referenced claims that he was sexually assaulted as a child and that he saw rape occurring while serving in Iraq but was too afraid of reprisal to report it.

"I didn't face those problems and became what I hate," he said.

Pernell was accused of raping one woman on post at Fort Bragg and raping or attempting to rape or assault seven others, including three women in Hoke County. Many of Pernell's victims worked at or spent time at Itz nightclub in Fayetteville. He targeted women at the popular club and would follow them home, prosecutors said.

The Army Criminal Investigations Division arrested Pernell in connection with the multiple attacks on women in the Cumberland and Hoke County area after a regional newspaper published an artist's rendering of the suspect and one of Pernell's victims recognized him from the sketch. DNA evidence tied Pernell to several of the crimes. He pleaded guilty in the military court in December 2010.

Killed

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Regional Medical Center and later both were transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill Hospital.

Investigators also located a one-year-old in a crib at the residence and a nine-year-old in a vehicle in the yard. The two children were not injured.

Kendra Matteson and Joseph Matteson reportedly made their

home in Raeford. Joseph Matteson graduated from Sandhills Community College in 1998 and listed himself as being self-employed on his Facebook page.

The case is still being investigated. Joseph Matteson and Mark Anthony Bullard's conditions were not immediately available.

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SPORTS

Basketball teams end regular season

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Bucks boys' and girls' basketball teams ended their regular season bid last week splitting with Pinecrest at Macdonald Gym on Senior Night. Seniors from bowling, basketball and cheerleading and their families were recognized before the game.

In the first game, the Lady Bucks could only gather nine points in the first half and Pinecrest's Jasmine Chalmers was well on her way to the game high 18 points as the Lady Patriots ran away 61-32. Coach Derek Butler said after the game, "Our girls sort of got down a little bit but fought back in the fourth period." The Lady Bucks outscored the Patriots in the fourth period and never gave up down the stretch. Shanice Horne and Courtney Pate led the way for the Bucks with 10 points each. Horne also had a couple of three-pointers. Te'Montae Spellers added six points, Bryce Smith added three points, La'Querra Peterkin added two points and Shonteonna Key added one point. The Lady Bucks played Richmond County in the first round of tournament play last night in Richmond County.

In the boys' game, Hoke County jumped out to a 38-23 halftime lead. Rashad Parker and Tarique Thompson took care of business down low while Keyshawn Shaw-Willis and Jawane Harris took care of business behind the arc, hitting five three-pointers from behind the arc. The Bucks went on to win, pulling away strong in the third period and outscoring the Patriots by 15 points in the final two segments winning 83-54.

Senior Tarique Thompson led the way for the Bucks with 23 points and 13 rebounds. Keshawn Shaw-Willis added 11 points and had three three-pointers. Jawane Harris added 10 points and hit two three-pointers. Darius Book added nine, Tymel Blue added six, Brennen Wright added five, Chris Delbridge and Greg Williams added four each and Corey Jones added two.

The Bucks ended the season with a perfect 10-0 record in the Southeastern Conference and a 22-2 overall record.

The Bucks got a bye in the first round of the S.E.C. Tournament and will play the winner of Scotland County and Lumberton at home tonight. The winner of that game will move on to play in the conference tournament championship Friday night against the winner between Pinecrest and Pumell Swett at the high seed's home court.



Darius Book's two-hand slam-dunk in front of the Patriot defender brought the Hoke fans out of their seats in the second half. Book ended with nine points in the Bucks 83-54 trouncing of the Patriots.



Shonteonna Key goes up for a bucket against a Pinecrest defender and gets fouled. She hit one of her two free throws and the Bucks ended up losing the game 61-32.

2nd Annual Sheriff "Shoot-Out" this Friday

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The 2nd Annual Sheriff Shoot-Out basketball game between Sheriff Hubert Peterkin's Deputy All-Stars and the West Hoke Middle School Tigers staff will be held Friday, February 22 at 6 p.m. at West Hoke Middle School. There will be

food and entertainment at this event and all proceeds will go towards the Sheriff's Youth Summer Program and West Hoke Middle School Athletics. The Sheriff's youth summer programs include the great summer camp for third, fourth and fifth graders and the Sheriff Youth Academy for high school students. Tickets are \$3.00 to \$5.00 at the door.



The boys' basketball team celebrates with the 2012-2013 regular season championship trophy after the game against Pinecrest. The Bucks swept through the Southeastern Conference 10-0 on their way to their second straight S.E.C. regular season crown.

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Step team wins Salem competition

Blue Dynasty Community Step Team won the Scotts Care Foundation, stomping out the Bullies step competition which was held in the Hanes Auditorium on the Campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem.

The team won the male competition, which featured high school, community, and Greek step teams. The team is currently preparing to compete in McDonalds CIAA sponsored step show

competition in Charlotte March 2. Team members are James McCormick, Damon McCormick, Shakur Stanford, Tawniqua Dixon and Kelvona McLean. Team coordinator is Cathy McLean, and stepmaster is Robert J. Evans.

The step team is sponsored by Gamma Upsilon Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare.



Kendal Morrison (left to right), James McCormick, Damon McCormick, and Shakur Stanford (middle)

Other stuff

(Continued from page 1A) The videos scares me each time I watch it, and I know the bang is coming.

I watched the videos—lots of them. There were people driving the highways and caught the whole thing on tape. Setting aside for the moment the question of who does that and why—drives and films miles and miles of nothing but traffic and roadside—how did they keep from crashing when the shockwave hit? I'm more dangerous than a teenage texter when driving in a thunderstorm. BAM! goes the thunder, and suddenly I'm on the shoulder. That's what happens when you take your hands off the wheel and stick your fingers in your ears.

The meteorite explosion was so loud over Chelyabinsk it collapsed the roof and walls of a brick building.

There were people in their offices, just as in the first scenario I described, and they seemed to be admiring the show until KAPOW and they were knocked on their opposite ends by exploding plate glass.

There were also the kids playing in the schoolyard with a front-row view of the spectacle

and they were quite happy with the arrangement until the sonic boom reached them. BOOM! and hundreds of kids go screaming in panic as if the world was ending.

Hey, I'm right there with them. I don't do sudden loud noises well. Popped balloons, neighborhood gunfire, fireworks, heck even the cannons in Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture all give me heart palpitations. I was the guy who caused the Bucks to lose in the '70s because I prayed against them scoring and setting off the damned cannon.

I read that the Russian people are joking about it today.

Those are some tough sons of guns.

Anyway, the whole episode reminded me of a camping trip with the youth in 1999. As we ate supper in the dark around a picnic table in the Uwharrie Mountains, I suddenly took a blow to the head, and of course assumed I'd been hit by a meteorite.

I wrote this poem: A meteorite struck me on the head But for mercy I'd be dead The sound was sharp; its weight was lead

And struck when I was being fed. Its trajectory made known Not by light, but sound alone Striking first this hairless head And then to Katie's, so she said. I nearly fainted, death was nigh I saw a light and God nearby But Heimlich or some other saint Rescued me from my faint Though other goddess publicans Sitting near, those loveless sons Cast aspersions, doubts were born They said the rock was an acorn! ❖

East Hoke Middle wins awards at science fair

East Hoke Middle School students won the top prizes in the Science and Engineering Fair Region 4 Competition on February 16 at UNC-Pembroke. With this, East Hoke Middle School will represent Region 4 and will advance to the State Championship on March 15-16 at Meredith College in Raleigh.

The Region 4 Science and Engineering Fair Competition is composed of students who competed from Moore, Lee, Harnett, Cumberland, Hoke, Bladen, Columbus, Montgomery, Scotland, Richmond and Robeson counties. Out of those who participated, only those students who won first and second places will advance to the state championship. These students include Michaela York, Caleb Chandler, Nicolle Rentas-Rodriguez, John Duncan and Jithmi Kulatunga from EHMS. This year, all contestants from EHMS won most of the awards. The EHMS team is headed by

their research adviser, Aticila Mormando.

The following projects from EHMS won during the Region 4 Science and Engineering Fair:

- Biology A
 - 2nd Place – “Does Age Affect Lung Capacity?” by Jithmi Kulatunga
 - 3rd Place – “Young and Lovely Vitamin E” by Chloe Carroll
 - 4th Place – “Which Is the Most Effective Way in Treating Algae?” by Jordan Saunders
- Biology B
 - 1st Place – “Artificial vs. Natural Light” by Michaela York
 - 3rd Place – “The Race of Decomposition” by Cathleen Miguel
 - 4th Place – “How Are We Influencing Tomorrow's Adults?” by Jendayi London
- Earth and Environmental
 - 2nd Place – “How Much Lead and Nitrates Present in the East and West Side of Raeford, NC?” by Nicolle Rentas-Rodriguez

Lumbee River Awardee, awarded with \$50 and plaque

- “How Safe Is Our Drinking Water?” by Leah Sealing
- Chemistry
 - 2nd Place – “House on Fire” by John Duncan
 - 4th Place, Best Chemistry Project, awarded with \$100
- “Fermenting Fuel” by Damien Noble
- Best Chemistry Project, awarded with \$100
- “Tie Dye” by Anika Mattson
- Physics
 - 2nd Place, Air Force and US Navy Awardee, awarded with \$50
- “Stealthy Shapes, How to Make an Aircraft Invisible to Radar” by Caleb Chandler
- MetCon Awardee, awarded with \$50
- “Potato Conductor” by Quinton Ansley
- Technology and Engineering
 - 3rd Place – “It's Putty Time” by Emily Corella

Arrested

(Continued from page 1A) owner Alexander Roland prepared to close the business for the night. One robber held Roland at gunpoint while another beat him with brass knuckles, authorities said. At one point Roland wrested the rifle away from the gunman and fatally shot him. The dead suspect was identified as David Ryan Frame, 16, of

the 700 block of North Main Street in Raeford.

Authorities previously arrested Amie Lynette Ross, 27, of the 100 block of Park Place Mobile Home Park in Raeford and Lewis Vega, 21, of the 300 block of Providence Way in Aberdeen in connection with the case. Ross and Vega surrendered to authorities last week and were ar-

rested on charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony breaking and entering, aiding and abetting armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Both were held under \$1 million bonds.

Ronald Ross Jr. is the brother of Amie Lynette Ross, officials said. Public records from the North Carolina Department of Public

Safety showed he was released from prison in December 2012 after serving a five-year term for convictions including robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping and felony breaking and entering. He was also previously convicted of assault and battery.

Roland will not face charges, authorities have said.

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SWIM LESSONS

The Center offers a variety of swim lessons for infants, toddlers, children and adults. Each class is 45 minutes long and is limited to six participants. Our certified aquatic instructor is dedicated to making swim lessons a positive experience for all.

To register or for a class schedule call the center or stop by the front desk for more information.

The FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Raeford is located at 313 Teal Drive, Raeford For membership or program information, or to register for one of our classes, call 904-7400.

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 7-8 p.m., Renaissance Room at Pinehurst Surgical, 5 FirstVillage Drive, FirstVillage Campus, Pinehurst.

This month's topic is Dear Diary... Journaling to Stay on Track Action Planning - A Map to Your Success.

Call (910) 715-6283 for more information. FREE.

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RAEFORD-HOKE CHAMBER EXPO

Join FirstHealth at the Raeford-Hoke Chamber Expo Wednesday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the National Guard Armory in Raeford. FirstHealth will provide blood pressure screenings, information about its Hoke services and facilities and much more.

WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, March 7, 6 p.m., Renaissance Room at Pinehurst Surgical, 5 FirstVillage Drive, FirstVillage Campus, Pinehurst.

This program is designed to introduce prospective patients to the FirstHealth Bariatric Center at Moore Regional Hospital and provide information about the weight-loss surgery options offered. Prospective patients must attend a free information session in order to schedule a consultation with a bariatric surgeon.

Family members and/or other supporters are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Please wear shoes that can be taken on and off easily and arrive 20 to 30 minutes early so we can calculate your body mass index.

For more information or directions call (800) 213-3284 or visit us at www.ncweightlossurgery.org

SIXTH ANNUAL CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday & Friday, March 14 & 15, Doubletree Hotel, 1965 Cedar Creek Road (just off I-95), Fayetteville

The annual Cancer Survivorship Summit offers keynote speakers, healthy lifestyle activities, breakout sessions, exhibits, and a chance to meet and talk with other survivors/caregivers.

Thursday, March 14
Sign-in: 12:30 to 1:10 p.m.
Program begins at 1:15 p.m. and continues until 5 p.m. Evening activities are also scheduled.

Friday, March 15
Buffet Breakfast: 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.
Exhibits and meeting others
Program begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

For more information or to register, call (910) 678-7226. All activities are FREE, but you must pre-register to attend. Registration is limited to the first 300, and participants must pay for their hotel room and other travel costs.

DID YOU KNOW...

According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a child should see a dentist when the first tooth appears and no later than his/her first birthday.

The dentists and staff at the FirstHealth Dental Care Center-Raeford provide care for children from birth to 18 years who receive Medicaid, Health Choice or are uninsured and qualify by income level.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 904-7450.

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