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9 Hoke schools met ABCs target growth

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

In the last year of ABCs test score reporting, nine Hoke County schools made expected growth and four achieved high growth.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction this month released the finalized test score data including the last set of scores from the phased-out ABCs of Public Educa-

tion program. The department also approved the first set of score results under Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO), the program that for the next two years replaces the federal No Child Left Behind reporting requirements in North Carolina.

In previous years, school systems received ABC test results from the state's accountability testing program and a pass or fail grade from the No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly

Progress program. This is the last year for the ABC test score reporting as the state is moving to a new accountability testing model. The state also has a two-year waiver exempting North Carolina schools from No Child Left Behind reporting requirements and this year the department used the AMO system instead.

Don Steed Elementary, Scurlock Elementary, Hawk Eye Elementary, Rockfish Hoke Elementary, Upchurch Elementary, West Hoke

Middle, East Hoke Middle, Hoke High and SandHoke Early College High School made expected growth on the ABCs. Hoke High, East Hoke Middle, Upchurch Elementary and SandHoke Early College High School earned the high growth designation. SandHoke Early College High School had the highest performance composite score of 97.4, followed by Rockfish Hoke Elementary with 86.7 and East
(See ABCs, page 6A)



The 2012 Turkey Festival Committee: Karrie Detwiler, (front row from left) Leslie Hinson, Valerie Livingston, Judy Pittman and Dee Inman; second row—Nicole Jackson, Crystal Gibson, Deborah Carpenter, Teresa Burke, Melissa Pittman, Joyce Bullard, Patty Webb, Wanda McDiarmid, Freddy McPhaul and Lt. Roy Downing; back row—Charles Tapp, LaShonda Ely, Tom Squier, Jerry Sherman and Bobby Allen. Not pictured—Theresa Byrd, Lisa Potts-Davis, Jean Hodges, Marvin Lynne Maxwell, Djuna Miller and Greg Schroeder. (Catharin Shepard photo)

Turkey Festival gets its wobble on

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer



It's almost time to "Do the Wobble" at the 28th annual North Carolina Turkey Festival, with events starting next Friday and running through the weekend of September 15.

The theme for this year's festi-

val is a dance called the wobble, a version of which was invented by festival Executive Director Melissa Pittman, and the board of directors is hoping it'll catch on.

"The kids love it and the adults love it and the senior line dance group that competes in the senior Olympics each year, who have gone to the championship games in Raleigh and have actually placed, love to do the wobble," Pittman said. "We wanted to do something that ignited excitement."

Valerie Livingston, this year's

president, said the board members have been working hard to prepare everything for locals and out-of-town visitors to enjoy during the weeklong festival.

"Come out and enjoy, bring friends," she said.

New and returning events are in the lineup this year.

Hoke residents should start keeping an eye out for wooden turkeys popping up in local businesses. There are 13 wooden turkeys, each painted in the colors of each of Hoke
(See FESTIVAL, page 6A)

Worker convicted of animal abuse

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

One of five former Butterball workers accused of abusing turkeys on a Shannon farm was found guilty of felony animal cruelty Tuesday and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

Brian Douglas of Raeford was one of six people charged this February in connection with a Hoke County Sheriff's Office and district attorney's office investigation into Butterball Farm 11, a turkey breeding farm on Shannon Road.

The investigation began after the

controversial farm animal advocacy agency Mercy for Animals gave the district attorney's office video footage that the organization said an undercover worker covertly taped at the farm. The video showed workers kicking and stomping on birds, dragging them by their wings and hitting the animals with metal bars, and also showed injured turkeys suffering from open wounds. The sheriff's office raided the farm in November and arrested six people on charges including misdemeanor and felony cruelty to animals.

The investigation also stretched
(See CONVICTED, page 5A)

Ashley Heights woman killed

A Hoke County woman died Monday after being injured in a wreck at the intersection of Calloway Road and Ashemont Road.

Sarah Strother, 87, of the 5500 block of Calloway Road died at UNC Hospital where she was airlifted for treatment of injuries sustained in the wreck, according to a report from the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

The accident happened around

7:40 p.m. Sunday. Strother failed to stop at a stop sign, a trooper said. Driver Bobby George Melton, 56, of Old Wire Road in Laurinburg crashed his truck into Strother's 2008 Chevrolet pickup.

Melton will not face charges, a Highway Patrol spokesperson said. Reports did not indicate whether Melton was injured.

A helicopter took Strother to
(See WRECK, page 5A)

Third man arrested in murder

A third suspect wanted in connection with the shooting death of a Raeford man last week has surrendered to authorities.

Antonio Jamal Brown, 28, of Raeford was arrested on a charge of first-degree murder in the death

of Royal Terrance Wyatt Jr., 33, of Gatlin Farm Road. Brown surrendered to law enforcement after seeing himself in the media and on Facebook, according to the Hoke County Sheriff's Office. Brown
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This Week



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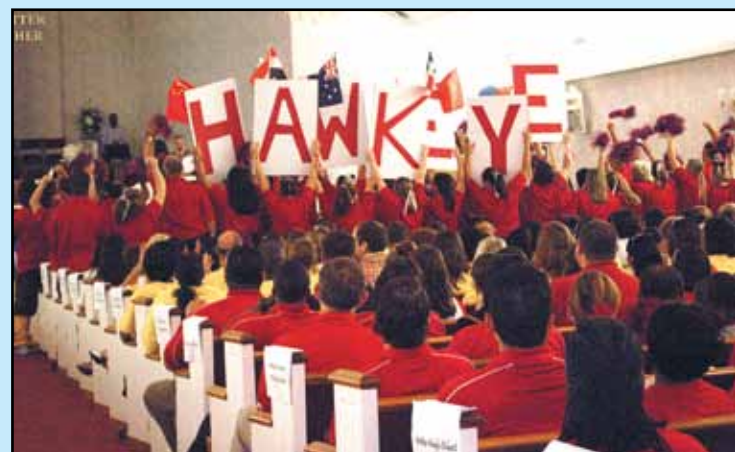
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Convocation cheers teachers into new school year

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer



Hawk Eye Elementary staff show their spirit at Convocation.

Principal Kimberly Gray wasn't shy about getting up and dancing in front of the entire Hoke County Schools staff at convocation Friday – and, following her lead, neither was the rest of the Don Steed Elementary faculty.

"Teach them, teach them, reach them all!" was the background music for the purple-shirted impromptu dance team as the school staff provided a little entertainment to get teachers stirred up for the school year. The routine was just one

part of the cheerleading last week at the school convocation that brought hundreds of Hoke teachers, administrators and office staff together.

Superintendent Dr. Freddie Williamson and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Bob Barnes welcomed back the teachers and staff to the start of a new year.

"I congratulate all of you, I'm so proud of you, and if you don't feel the excitement, you don't feel the readiness in this building to go forward to next year, I've got two words for you: go home."
(See CONVOCATION, page 8A)

OTHER STUFF

By KEN MACDONALD

When you think about it, people have not been flying for long. And we live in a time when some of the first planes are taking their last flights before the scrap heap or museum. Some of us want to touch history before all we have left are photos.

Twenty years ago, for example, I got a chance to ride in a Ford Trimotor. Known as the "Tin Goose," the aluminum airliner capable of hauling 10-15 people was produced from 1925 to 1933. There are just 18 left, and only eight certified for flight. One of them had come to Lumberton, of all places, and I paid \$20 to take a ride. When you're used to today's airliners, flying in one that can hang in the air at 35 miles per hour is startling.
(See OTHER STUFF, page 8A)

Two vie for clerk of court

The Republican and Democrat candidates selected by their parties to run for election to the Hoke County Clerk of Superior Court office each bring their own unique backgrounds and experience to the election.

Republican candidate Gene Shelnett and Democratic candidate Evelyn McLeod will face off in an election on the November General Election ballot. Voters will decide which candidate will fill the office left vacant earlier this year by the death of Clerk of Superior



Shelnett



McLeod

Court Russell Smith, who passed away after battling cancer. The election is
(See CLERK, page 5A)



VIEWPOINTS

Bring in the garbage cans



A few weeks ago rumors were making the rounds that the City of Raeford had begun ticketing owners of garbage cans who left them by the road on days they aren't scheduled for pickup. The rumor proved false, as near as we can tell. No notices, reminders, warnings or tickets have been sent, the city says.

But when the city council switched to curbside pickup in 2009, it said that to prevent unsightly cans from cluttering the town it would fine owners who left them by the road.

It's understandable that on occasion a homeowner will forget or be unable to retrieve his garbage can, but some folks leave theirs by the roadside every day. Perhaps they haven't gotten the memo.

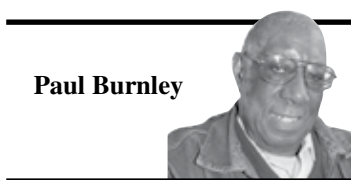
With the revitalization downtown and the city's work to keep the town looking nice, we need to do our part too.

Racial tension can be reduced

The Trayvon Martin case has enlightened many to a problem that has existed in this country for years—the way that black males are viewed. It is so firmly entrenched in the minds of the public that it will be difficult to erase. In most books of literature, villains are portrayed as being dark and sinister. In movies and in TV shows, the villains are usually dressed in dark clothing and of a dark complexion. Rarely do you find the villain with blond hair and blue eyes. This has the public assuming that ALL villains are dark and sinister. Many who have been conned out of their money or possessions will say, "He didn't look like a crook." Because it is assumed that only dark and sinister people will harm them. We teach our children that the "bogy man" is a dark person.

This is the attitude of many law enforcement agencies. The only reason the Rodney King case caught the attention of the public is because it was on film. Had it not been recorded most non-blacks would never believe that police treat black men this way. There were many incidents over the years of wrongful action against black men that have been overlooked or forgotten.

Years ago, while I was working for a newspaper in the Midwest, a white worker confided in me that when he worked at Quick Stop while going to high school, he needed money so he stole it from the cash



Paul Burnley

register and told the police that a black man had robbed the store. No one asked any questions other than what he looked like. Nothing else was asked. This happens more often than you think.

In Boston a number of years ago, a man reported to the police that a black man had car-jacked him and his wife and had shot and killed his wife. Over a hundred young black men were detained and interrogated. Some were held for days until it was found that the man had murdered his wife and shot himself in the arm to make it look as if someone else had killed his wife. A few years ago a woman from South Carolina killed her two children and pushed them and her car into a river. She claimed that a black man had car-jacked her. The search for that black man went on for days, with a number of black men being arrested, until it was proved that the woman had killed her own children.

In my more than 20 years of association with newspapers around the country, I have stressed the point to people of different races and groups to make an effort to know more about each other. If there were a better understanding between people of different groups, there would be

less assumption that ALL people of ANY group are the same. Racism from either side is wrong. If there were more understanding between different groups, there would be fewer demonstrations, which only increase tension between races.

There are those who maintain that we do not have discrimination today. They say that laws have been passed to eliminate discrimination. The laws may have been passed but you cannot legislate people's minds. Until the attitude of the general public changes, there will be those who think and feel the actions by police and those in authority against black young men is justified. This country is the only country in the modern world where racial differences are so pronounced. The only other country in recent years that was known for racial separation was the Union of South Africa. Since it has been abolished, it may not be perfect but the races have been able to co-exist with fewer problems.

Much of the racial tension in this country can be eliminated by viewing each other as individuals and not seeing each other as a member of that other group. There is good and bad in every group. The problem comes when you judge all members of a group by the actions of one. If this is the case, should we judge all young white men by the actions of the young white men that killed students at schools and universities in this country?



PAC money more important than ever?

BY SCOTT MOONEYHAM
Capitol Press Association

It almost seems quaint now. A couple of decades ago, more than a few politicians were swearing off PAC dollars.

Long before the coming of the Citizens United ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, the unfettered flow of corporate money into politics and SuperPACs, there were just PACS, political action committees.

There still are. Back in the 1980s and 90s though, PACs were seen by some as the pinnacle of campaign cash evil, an easy avenue of corporate influence in politics.

For some candidates, the PAC money made life easy. No need to work the phones day and night to collect \$100 here or \$200 there from friends and acquaintances. Just gather a handful of \$4,000 contributions from a PAC, and your fund-raising goals would be met.

For different reasons—some honorable and others not—some candidates wouldn't take PAC money.

Some saw it as distasteful, a selling of the political soul. Others

knew that they weren't likely to get much of the money anyway and so used their no-PAC pledge to beat on their opponents.

Every once in a while, you still hear a political candidate today talk about not taking PAC dollars.

It would be nice to believe that they are attempting to revive some notion of the pristine politician. More likely, they are living in the past and haven't gotten the memo: No one seems to care.

For many PACs, the basic rules of the political influence road haven't changed much.

Corporate PACs collect individual donations from company employees, mostly executives, bundle that money and then pass it on to candidates of their choosing while sticking within individual donation limits.

Trade group PACs, which typically represent small business owners engaged in the same kind of business, do the same. The difference is that the PAC donors aren't employed by the same company.

Some PACs, instead of giving to politicians, have begun spending their money themselves, acting independently to help or hurt candidates of their choosing, or

scare them into joining their side on an issue.

But many PACs in North Carolina still give out huge sums in individual contributions, the money flowing mostly to those with the most power.

Recently, Bob Hall of the campaign watchdog group Democracy North Carolina reported that legislative leaders are relying more heavily than ever on PAC dollars.

Hall reported that roughly a third of the campaign money that House Speaker Thom Tillis and Senate leader Phil Berger had raised during the current election cycle came from PACs. Previous legislative leaders had raised between 20 and 25 percent of their campaign money from PACs in 2009-10.

Twenty years ago, the trend line might have caused some tongue-wagging and head-shaking. An opponent might have tried to make hay with the figures.

Today, still being able to see who is giving their campaigns money is something.

And trying to figure out the motives of the next shadow group dropping \$1 million on legislative races is something else.

Legislators find the money, help the kids, do the right thing

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON
N.C. Policy Watch

The ruling by the N.C. Court of Appeals last week that Superior Court Judge Howard Manning was right when he found that all at-risk four-year-olds have the right to enroll in NC Pre-K was a victory for thousands of children and families across North Carolina.

But the folks in the General Assembly who have refused to provide at-risk kids the extra help they need to succeed in school are apparently not through standing in the way.

Staff members for House Speaker Thom Tillis and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger said they planned to appeal the decision to the N.C. Supreme Court.

They will go to any lengths not to provide access to the state's award-winning pre-k program to thousands of at-risk four-year-olds, apparently not moved by the ample evidence that shows the program improves the achievement of the

kids who participate in it, kids who are otherwise likely to struggle in school.

Last week's decision upholds the ruling that Manning made last summer that the state could not deny access to NC Pre-K to any at-risk four-year-old whose parents sought to enroll their child.

Tillis and Berger bristled at Manning's ruling last year with Berger saying Manning was creating a new entitlement program and Tillis questioning the judge's authority.

Manning's decision came after the General Assembly passed a budget that slashed funding for NC Pre-K by 20 percent and added confusing language about the percentage of children from low-income families who may be enrolled.

There are roughly 67,000 kids who currently meet the definitions of at-risk, most of them based on family income. There are 26,000 kids currently enrolled. That's 9,000 less than were enrolled before the

budget cuts.

Legislative leaders talked earlier this year of addressing the large number of underserved at-risk kids by changing the definition of at-risk, a disturbing strategy supported by think tanks on the Right obsessed with shrinking government regardless of the impact on children or families.

That effort was derailed in the last legislative session and a plan to completely privatize NC Pre-K was also abandoned after intense opposition from educators and child advocates. Public schools often provide the only available pre-k slots in many small and rural counties.

Last week's Court of Appeals ruling appears to fall short of mandating that the state must enroll every at-risk four-year-old in the NC Pre-K. It just says that the state shouldn't make it impossible for parents to enroll their kids by putting up barriers to their participation.

The ruling is an important step forward in the Leandro case that

established that children in North Carolina have a constitutional right to a sound, basic education.

At-risk kids need help securing that right and the state should affirmatively provide it, regardless of the technical interpretation of the decision and whether it's only about allowing all at-risk kids to enroll if they apply.

Estimates of the costs of enrolling all eligible at-risk four-year-olds run close to \$100 million. Lawmakers ought to be able to come up with that in a \$20 billion budget that gives tax breaks to millionaires under the guise of helping small businesses.

Last week's ruling gives lawmakers another chance to do the right thing and stop standing in the way of giving kids the extra assistance they need. They should find the money now any way they can to enroll every at-risk four-year-old and build it into the budget next year by closing tax loopholes or making the tax cut truly for small companies only.

As many child advocates have pointed out, kids are only four once. We can't let another 30,000 children down by denying them what we know will dramatically improve their chances to succeed

in school. There's no need to parse the court's ruling or file an appeal to delay things further. Stop stalling and complaining. Let's get on with it. Find the money, help the kids.



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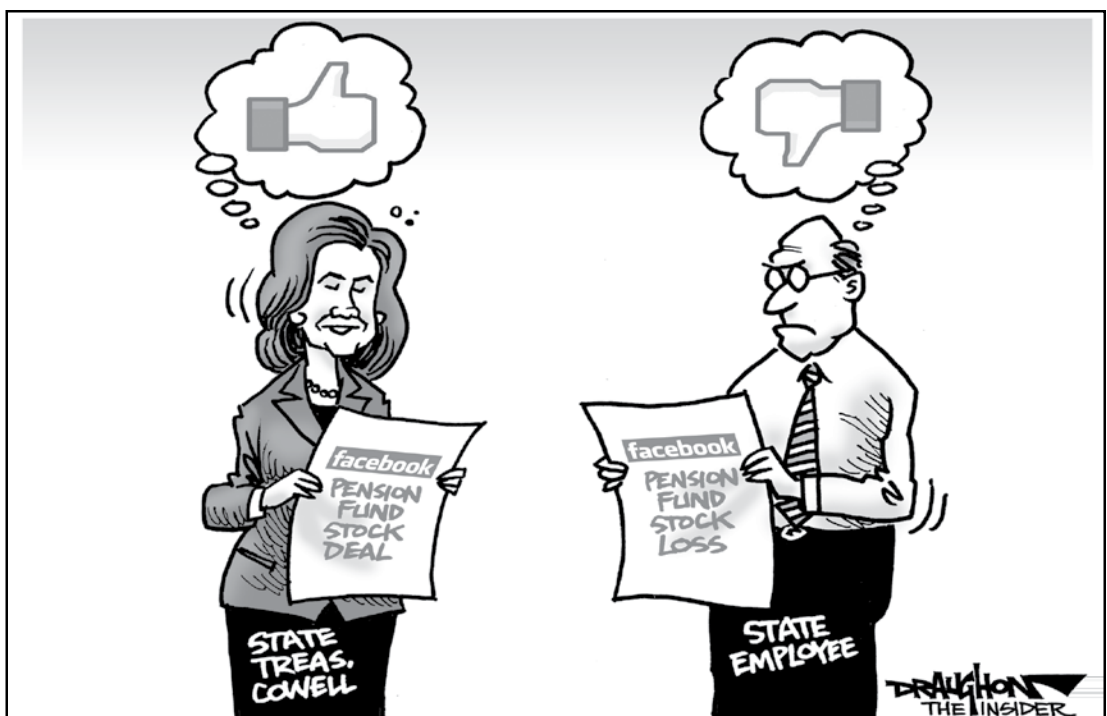
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Festival

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County's 13 schools and "hidden" around the county.

"The theory behind it is to have a turkey hunt, and to put the turkeys up at different businesses and locations and challenge people to find all 13 of the turkeys," Pittman said.

People who spot all the turkeys and can provide proof of it, such as taking a photo with each of the wooden turkeys, will win their choice of a free T-shirt or a ticket to the concert, she said.

In one of the earliest events, Hoke High School's football team will take on Raleigh Sanderson in the Turkey Bowl football game set for 7 p.m. Friday, September 7.

Even though the Raeford Woman's Club disbanded earlier this year, the Stuffin' and Stompin' turkey dinner that the group founded as a fundraiser will continue serving up live music and turkey plates. Tickets for the September 14 dinner are \$7 and plates can be dine-in or carry out at West Hoke Middle School. Music will be provided by Crawley Creek Company.

Tickets can be purchased from any Turkey Festival director, Hoke County Schools' child nutrition employee or at the Raeford/Hoke Chamber of Commerce on Main Street in Raeford. The Chamber of Commerce and directors also have tickets for the beach music concert featuring Blackwater Rhythm and Blues Band set for Saturday, September 15.

Butterball and House of Raeford donated 1,600 pounds of turkey for the dinner, so there shouldn't be any danger of running out of turkey this year, director Deborah Carpenter said.

The parade is set to roll down Main Street in Raeford on Thursday, September 13. Registration for the parade remains open until Friday, August 31, so there could be even more participants, Pittman said.

About 110 vendors have signed up to sell their wares at McLauchlin

Park on Saturday, September 15. Another 27 vendors selling just food items have also signed up, and according to Turkey Festival policy, only three vendors can offer the same kind of food. That's meant to give guests the chance to try different items and to make sure the vendors have a fair shot at making a profit, Pittman said.

"So there are only three collard sandwiches. That way you don't have 27 selling the same item and nobody making a profit," she said.

The festival is no longer taking vendor applications for this year's event, Pittman said.

The festival hasn't featured a road race in seven years, but this year the "turkey trot" returns with a 5K race and a 2K walk. The starting gun will fire at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 15. The race will start at Hoke County High School and make its way through the city and back, with markers on the road showing the way and a volunteer riding behind the runners in a golf cart to rescue any stragglers.

Other sports events taking place this year include the softball, tennis and horseshoe tournaments. The tournaments will be held at Hoke County High School the weekend of September 8-9.

Another popular event for kids is returning this year due to popular demand. The festival stopped offering pony rides for children, but the response from parents was so great that the ponies will be back in town this year, Pittman said.

"We had had parents and people post on our wall, we want the pony rides back, we want the pony rides back," she said. Brightly colored T-shirts are returning this year too, she added.

Children will also have the chance to get their hands dirty making different art projects in a new area named for the late Christina Payton, an art teacher at McLauchlin Elementary who worked with the Turkey Festival before her unexpected death earlier this year.

The board of directors voted this week to call the children's art area "Payton's Corner" in honor of the woman who brainstormed the idea in the first place and was working to bring it to life this September. The booths will have different types of hands-on art projects for kids, plus demonstrations and displays.

"She (Payton) had been working on that corner all year," Pittman said. "She came up with the crafts that were going to be done. ... We wanted to honor her in some special way and what better way than to do what she loved."

Payton was one of several people who were instrumental to the festival who have passed away in the last year. The directors plan to wear black and orange pins to honor Payton, Raz Autry, Bobby Strother, Carol Burkett, Kay Thomas, Mary Lee Chalaire, Gene Paul Thacker, Billy Williams, William Daniels and others who worked with the Turkey Festival in various ways over the years.

This year the Turkey Festival will also host a special 9/11 remembrance service Saturday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Raeford/Hoke Museum. For more information, call 904-2424. The event is meant to give people a chance to thank first responders and military members for their service to the public and their country.

Calendar of Events

For a complete listing of events and lots more information about the North Carolina Turkey Festival this year, see the special publication in next week's issue of The News-Journal.

- Turkey Bowl football game – September 7
- 9/11 Remembrance ceremony – September 8
- Parade – September 13
- Stuffin' and Stompin' dinner – September 14
- Super Saturday (vendor fair, concert and more) – September 15



A child enjoys the parade during last year's festival. Below left, the dog show; at right, a crafts vendor.



ABCs

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Hoke Middle with 82.8.

McLauchlin Elementary, West Hoke Elementary, Sandy Grove Elementary and J.W. Turlington Alternative School did not meet expected growth under the ABCs of Public Education, according to the state's numbers. J.W. Turlington Alternative School earned the lowest composite score of 42, while J.W. McLauchlin Elementary had a 61.1, West Hoke Elementary had a 51.7 and Sandy Grove Elementary had a 62.1 performance composite score.

Among the other county schools, Hoke High School's composite score was 76.8, West Hoke Middle's score was 67.7, Don Steed Elementary's score was 78.8, Upchurch Elementary's score was 72.3, Hawk Eye Elementary's score was 57.2 and Scurllock Elementary's score was 61.3.

SandHoke Early College High School earned the Honor School of Excellence designation, the highest honor awarded by the state for high ABCs performance. East Hoke Middle and Rockfish Hoke Elementary earned the School of Distinction designation, while Don Steed Elementary, Upchurch Elementary, and Hoke High were named Schools of Progress. J.W. McLauchlin Elementary, J.W. Turlington Alternative and Sandy Grove Elementary did not receive

recognition. Hawk Eye Elementary and West Hoke Elementary were named Priority Schools.

The ABCs of Public Education accountability program is being replaced this year with the N.C. Ready program, which is tied into the common core curriculum being rolled out in the state's public schools this year.

AMO data

This was the first year schools in North Carolina received AMO data instead of AYP data from end-of-year testing. Don Steed Elementary, East Hoke Middle, Rockfish Hoke Elementary, J.W. Turlington Alternative and SandHoke Early College High School met all AMO targets in the 2011-2012 school year, according to the state data report.

The state continues to use the federally designated No Child Left Behind subgroups, which are based on factors such as race or disability. Unlike No Child Left Behind, which focused on getting all students to the same proficiency level by 2014, the AMO system allows different targets for different subgroups of students.

For example, by the end of this school year the state goal is to have 93.7 percent of white students, 79.8 percent of African-American students, 77.8 percent of Native American students, 80.8 percent of

economically disadvantaged students and 55.3 percent of students with disabilities in elementary and middle schools reading at grade level. The goals increase through the 2016-17 school year, according to data from the state Department of Public Instruction.

Last year only one school in Hoke County made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under No Child Left Behind. Schools receiving Title I money that failed to meet AYP multiple years in a row faced penalties that could involve offering extra tutoring, giving parents the choice to send their child to a different school in the district or in some circumstances firing and replacing a school's staff. Only one school in the county, Hawk Eye Elementary, was still under No Child Left Behind school improvement sanctions as of last school year. Under the two-year waiver, schools will no longer face those sanctions.

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Fundraiser set for pastor's wife

The Hoke County Schools Exceptional Children's department is sponsoring a pancake fundraiser breakfast plate sale September 8 at Andy's in Raeford for Linda Lee, the wife of First Baptist Church Pastor Tom Lee.

Linda Lee has been the administrative assistant to the director of the Exceptional Children's department since 2002. She was diagnosed with kidney cancer in December 2010 and continues to receive treatment.

Money raised during the breakfast will go to the family to offset expenses incurred for treatment.

People who wish to purchase

tickets can contact the Exceptional Children's department at 875-8009 or stop by First Baptist Church at 333 N. Main St. in Raeford.

The breakfast will take place from 7-10 a.m. on Sat-

urday, September 8 at Andy's in Raeford. Tickets are \$5 for pancakes, bacon and a drink. For more information or to make donations, contact the Exceptional Children's Department at the above number.

LOST DOG

Yellow & white spayed female hound Reward Offered!

Lost in the Don Steed Elementary School area on Philippi Church Road on Friday, August 24.

Very shy, golden brown eyes, no collar

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- * Hay Street United Methodist 12 pm - 1 pm Sundays

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Friday, September 7

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By HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Bucks went to South View last week to avenge their 35-21 loss last season at home against the Tigers and did just that with a tight 28-21 victory. Hoke County led 21-14 at the half but the Tigers held the Bucks scoreless in the third quarter and most of the fourth quarter with long drives and good defense. The Bucks also held South View scoreless until midway through the fourth when Tyrus Jackson scored on a 15-yard run to tie the score at 21-21. Both teams traded possessions after that and when Hoke had the ball with about a minute to go, Hoke quarterback Michael Locklear finally connected with Cory Cannon for a 34-yard game winning touchdown reception. Locklear and Cannon had missed on several attempts before in the game for big scores.

Locklear ended up passing 5 of 9 for 162 yards and two touchdowns. Cannon had two catches for 68 yards and two touchdowns. Senior running back Detrez Newsome rushed for 228 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns. After game two of the season, Newsome has rushed for 630 yards and eight touchdowns for the Bucks. In the game, Hoke had two touchdowns called back for holding.

This week the Bucks stay on the road to face the Seventy-First Falcons, a team coached by longtime high school football coach Bob Paroli. Paroli recently announced that he is resigning as coach of Seventy-First at the end of the season. He has been coaching high school football for 55 years and is 81 years old. The Falcons lost their first two games of the season in routs: 35-6 against Scotland County and 38-6 against Wilmington Hoggard. Last year,



Standing in the backfield, #6 Detrez Newsome (left to right), #10 Michael Locklear and #3 Jamal Darden get set to run a play against SouthView during the Bucks 28-21 win over the Tigers.



Jawane Harris almost gets the interception on this pass play against the South View Tigers. Harris did catch a 73-yard pass from Michael Locklear and ran it into the end zone for the third score of the game for the Bucks.

the Bucks defeated Seventy-First 10-0 off a field goal and a Detrez Newsome pick-six.

If there are fans who are not making the trip to Seventy-

First, you can catch the game live on the Bucks Broadcast Network on AM1400 Raeford and online at www.ihigh.com/bucksnetwork.



Hoke County Parks and Recreation and the Methodist University soccer program joined forces last weekend and held a soccer clinic for kids in Hoke County at the Hoke County Parks and Recreation sports complex on Highway 211. Approximately 75 soccer players turned out along with Coach Bryan Madej, Head Coach of the Methodist Monarchs women's soccer program. This soccer camp will continue to grow as they plan to do it again next year!

Bucks win over Colts

John Walrath makes a cut against a Cape Fear defender in the Hoke County High School Bucks 1-0 win over the Colts last week at Raz Autry Stadium. The Bucks are 4-1 overall on the soccer season and defeated Douglas Byrd Monday night 4-0.



Pigskin Pick'em is back

The News-Journal Raeford Pigskin Pick'em is back and better than ever. This year, contestants must locate the Pigskin Pick'em Schedule either in The Echo or The News-Journal, cut it out, pick your winners and have it back to The News-Journal office by 5 p.m. on Friday. Contestants can email their picks to hal@thenews-journal.com by 5 p.m. Friday as well. Entries are to include your picks for that week, completed tiebreaker pick

and total score, name, address and phone number on the form. Forms can be brought in, faxed, emailed or mailed through the postal service postmarked by Friday midnight. If mailing your entry, the address is The News-Journal, PO Box 550, Raeford, NC 28376 - clearly mark the envelope "Pigskin Pick'em." If faxing, please fax to (910) 875-7256 and mark it to the attention of Hal. First names and the first letter of contestants last name will be published

in the standings each week.

Sponsors Needed

The Raeford Pigskin Pick'em is in its fourth year and we welcome local businesses to help sponsor the contest by donating prizes for weekly winners. In return, business will have their names listed in the Pigskin Pick'em schedule. Weekly winners will be announced and the grand prize winners will be announced at the end of the season. Good Luck!

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Cory Cannon gets a deserved drink of water after his 34-yard game winning touchdown reception from Locklear to clinch the Bucks 28-21 victory over the Tigers.

Just putting around

The 28th Annual Strutters Golf Tournament will be held September 15 and 16 at the Bayonet at Puppy Creek Golf Course during the N.C. Turkey Festival. The entry list will be closed September 1 to the first 140 entries. The cost is \$140 and includes two days of golf, breakfast and lunch both days, food and drinks, special prizes, multiple flight winners, cart and green fees. To get the registration form, go online to www.bayonetgolf.com, stop by the golf course clubhouse at 349 S. Parker Church Rd. in Raeford

or call 904-1500.

There will be a golf tournament Friday, September 7 to support the New Beginningz Bible College, Raeford at Upland Trace Golf Course in Raeford beginning at 9 a.m. with an 8 a.m. sign-in. The tournament will be a Captains Choice tournament with cash winnings, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The cost will be \$60 per person and interested golfers/sponsors may contact Clyde Shepley at 910-885-2604 or Bishop William McPhaul at 910-476-0653.

Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

- August 29**
Boys V Soccer at 71st 6 p.m.
- August 30**
Girls Tennis at Richmond 4 p.m.
Girls JV Volleyball Home vs. 71st 5 p.m.
Girls V Volleyball Home vs. 71st 6 p.m.
Boys JV Football Home vs. 71st 7 p.m.
- August 31**
Boys V Football at 71st 7:30 p.m.
- September 4**
Boys V Soccer at Red Springs 6 p.m.
Girls Tennis at Lumberton 4 p.m.
Girls Golf at Purnell Swett 2 p.m.

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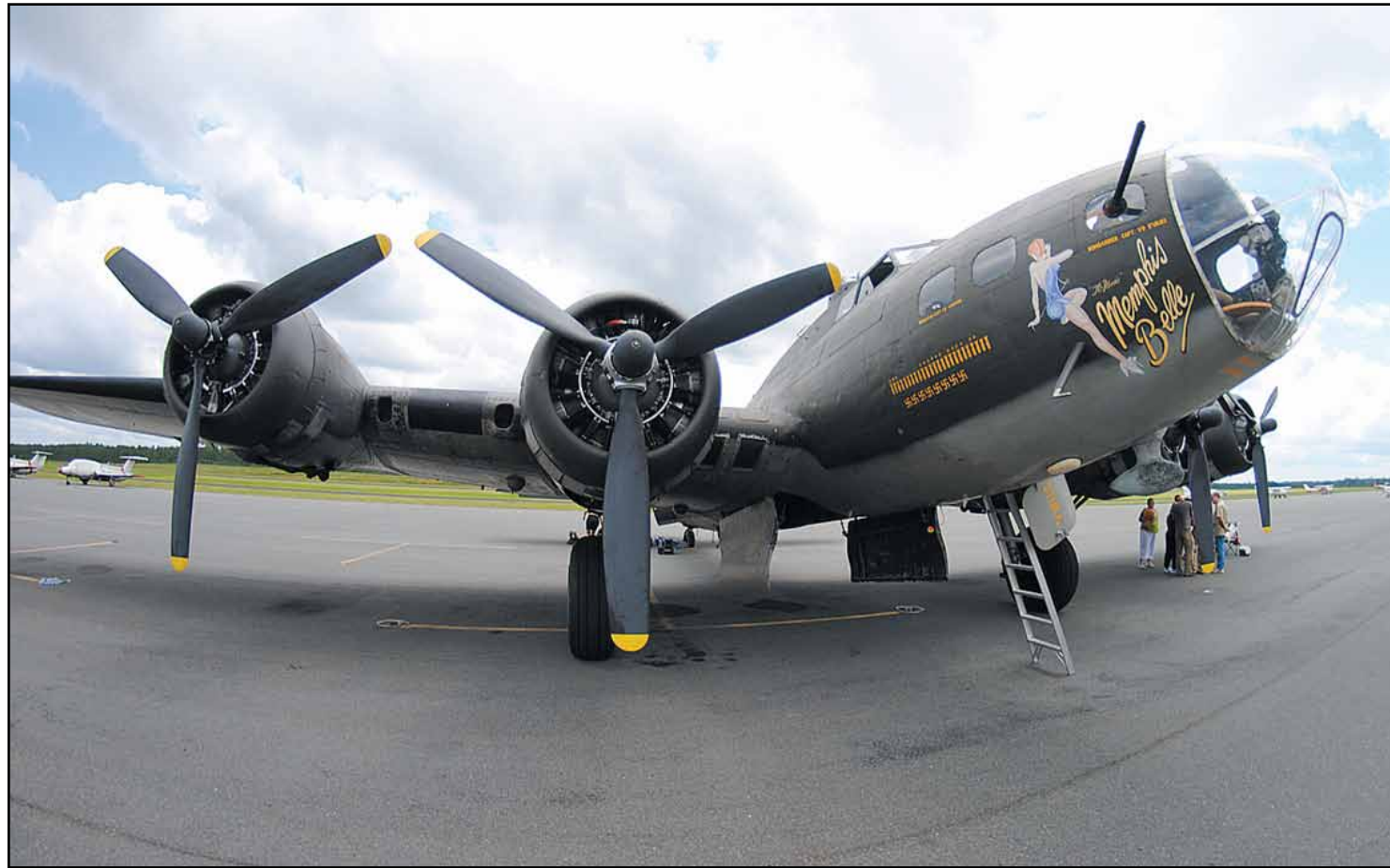
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The "movie Memphis Belle", a World War II-era B-17 bomber, rests on the tarmac at Sanford Airport.

Other stuff

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Monday, I had another chance for some up-close history—to go up in a B-17 Flying Fortress, one of some 12,700 that were produced during World War II and of which only 12 remain airworthy.

The plane in question is painted like the famous Memphis Belle, the first B-17 to attain 25 missions and complete her tour of duty, and the only one that brought its crew back safely every time. That might not sound like much, except that it's been estimated a B-17 crewman's chances of surviving his tour was one in four.

The "Movie Memphis Belle" is called that because it was used in filming the 1990 movie of the same name. Arriving at the end of the war, it never saw combat—except against forest fires after being converted to a water tanker. A restoration organization returned it to the wartime version and hired it out for the movie.

Cutting to the chase, the flight Monday didn't happen. (Imagine—A 67-year-old aircraft

having a maintenance issue.) But a walk-through or, more accurately for me, a crawl-through did. It is possible to enter through the rear of the craft where the rear gun turret lies and make your way via catwalk over the bomb bay doors and up to the cockpit. Amazing.

But more amazing were the three veteran B-17 crew, men in their 80s, who were on hand to recount some of the memories from the war. One of them had completed 33 missions and lived to tell it. They were young when they flew over Germany, they said, but all agreed they loved it—a bitter experience with the loss of so many men but also fun in an adventurous way. "That's why they get young men to fight wars," one of them said. "They're not scared of anything."

The B-17 will be available for afternoon public viewing Saturday and Sunday at the Sanford Airport (US1 N at exit 76) with morning flights available for \$450 beginning at 9.

Convocation

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Barnes said, getting applause and laughter from the crowd.

The annual event held just before elementary and middle school students returned to class gave each staff the chance to cheer for their school and get updates on how students performed on end-of-year tests.

East Hoke Middle School Principal Erica Fortenberry was named Principal of the Year and West Hoke Elementary fifth-grade teacher Glendia Black-Flippin was named Teacher of the Year for the school system. The school system also recognized teachers with many years of experience and new teachers coming into Hoke County Schools for the first time.

Testing and Accountability Coordinator Sharon Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Bob Barnes and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Cheryl

Benson were among the officials who led the discussions. North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Chief Academic Officer Dr. Rebecca Garland and Deputy Chief Academic Officer Angela H. Quick attended the meeting to brief teachers on upcoming changes to how schools will use student test scores to measure teacher effectiveness.

This year the state hit its highest-ever graduation rate with more than 80 percent of the Class of 2012 four-year cohort graduating on time, Garland said.

"We still have work to do, but we have to take time to celebrate," she said.

The day wrapped up with more speakers discussing best teaching practices and other issues for educators throughout the year.

Hoke County's elementary and middle schools started back Monday. The county schools will be closed this coming Monday in observance of Labor Day.



Hoke High School faculty, with principal Roger Edwards front and center, take part in the convocation.

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