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## Judge to hear from educators on standards

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer

A judge has ordered state education officials to present any plans they have to "reduce, diminish or eliminate" educational standards in North Carolina schools,

along with other information, at a hearing set for next month.

Superior Court Judge Howard Manning ordered the hearing for April 8-9 in order to get an update on various issues related to students in North Carolina receiving a "sound, basic education" as

required by the state constitution.

The 1995 Hoke County Board of Education v. North Carolina, also called the "Leandro" case, led to changes in the way North Carolina must approach funding for public schools. Since the North Carolina Supreme Court's

final judgment "set the law in stone," Manning wrote, the court has monitored the state's progress in "carrying out its constitutionally mandated requirement that each and every child be afforded the equal opportunity to obtain a sound basic education."

The judge asked state officials to present at the April hearing a variety of information, including assessments being used, accountability standards that measure a child's ability to get a "sound, basic education" and accountability (See MANNING, page 7A)



Above: Unilever employees Lauren Garner and Annie Wissemeier gave away hundreds of samples of personal care products at the expo. Right: FirstHealth of the Carolinas community health experts demonstrate how to make healthy, nutritious smoothies. (Catharin Shepard photos)



## Expo puts Hoke businesses on display

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer

Dozens of businesses met face to face with citizens last week to share information, give away free samples and raise awareness about local companies

doing business in Hoke County. Hundreds of people attended the annual Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce expo to learn more about the products and services offered by companies that call Hoke County home. Unilever, FirstHealth of the Carolinas,

Cape Fear Valley Hoke Healthcare, the Raeford-Hoke Museum and the county's public library were just a few of the organizations that set up booths to provide information about what they bring to the community. (See EXPO, page 7A)

## Gunman sought in attempted murder



Officers with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office are searching for a gunman wanted for allegedly shooting and seriously injuring a man in Raeford.

Authorities with local law enforcement are searching for Jamari Terek Gates, 26, of the 100 block of Gates Lane in Raeford. Gates is wanted on charges including attempted first-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

The shooting reportedly took place at a cook-out after the suspect and the victim got into an argument, according to the sheriff's office.

Deputies with the sheriff's office responded to the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park in Raeford (See SHOOTING, page 4A)

## Soldier charged with indecent liberties



Authorities with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office charged a Fort Bragg soldier for allegedly committing sexual offenses against a child.

Deputies arrested Edward Lee Davis, 34, of the 7000 block of Burwell Drive in Fayetteville on charges of three counts of indecent liberties with a child and two counts of first-degree sexual offense. He was arrested March 18 and held under a \$25,000 secured bond.

The sheriff's office began investigating the case after receiving a phone call March 18 from the Hoke County Department of Social Services in reference to a reported sexual assault.

Officials are investigating three alleged (See SOLDIER CHARGED, page 4A)

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## Hoke Fest looks for larger crowd this year

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer



The punk rock band from Fayetteville "A Perfect Lie" will be featured performers.

Hoke County's spring festival is back this year with new entertainment and returning favorite features such as carnival rides and a barbecue plate sale.

For the fifth year, Hoke Fest will open to

the public with musical performances, arts and crafts vendors, carnival games and rides and more. Hoke Fest will open April 1 and run through April 5.

The festival drew a crowd of about 10,000 last year, and this year, director Hubert Bullard said, they're hoping to see as many as (See HOKE FEST, page 7A)

### OTHER STUFF

BY KEN MACDONALD

If you have married children, perhaps you've experienced this: Your son and his wife come in, all grins, and cheerfully, eagerly say, "We have some news for you!" That was Ben and Courtney Friday.

It's doubtful, however, that your child then told you, "We bought a school bus!"

Yeah, let's let that one settle in for a moment.

Me: "So, you're going to, like, have a child, and start a home school?"

No, they're going to fix the bus up and live in it.

Cue the Partridge Family jokes.

That very day, Ben had been to Durham to pick up a 66-passenger elementary school Orange County school bus. A "big yellow fellow." Still had some kids' homework, a jacket and other personal effects on the floor.

(See OTHER STUFF, page 4A)

## Marching band to trade t-shirts for snazzy uniforms

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer

The Mighty Marching Bucks might look a little different when they take the field for halftime at Hoke High football games this fall.

The band and school system are looking at investing about \$100,000 in buying new uniforms for current and future band members.

It's been years since the band bought new uniforms, and the band has grown a lot since then – both in numbers and in notoriety, director Charles Conner said.

When Conner was a college student performing with the marching band at (See UNIFORMS, page 4A)



A Hoke High band student models the prototype of the new Mighty Marching Bucks uniform.

# VIEWPOINTS

## Voter ID rules: not so simple

Polls show a majority of North Carolina voters will be happy to present IDs before voting when photo identification requirements begin in 2016.

The process seems simple. You show your ID, you vote.

It's not that simple.

What if addresses on a voter's ID and the voter rolls don't match? What if a woman recently changed her last name after getting married and the last names don't match? What if a voter doesn't look exactly like the ID photo because of weight changes, a shaved beard, changes in hair color or style or a new tattoo?

The State Board of Elections will adopt proposed rules to govern how the process is supposed to work in these cases and others that will arise on election days. Those rules then are expected to go through a review process with a public comment period over the next few months.

State elections officials say the just-released, proposed voter ID rules have fairness to voters in mind.

The 2013 voter ID legislation mandates that the elections board "administer photo ID requirements in a manner that confirms a voter's identity as accurately as possible without restriction, and construes all evidence in the light most favorable to the voter," wrote Kim Strach, the board's executive director, in a letter to Board Chairman Joshua Howard, describing the proposed rules.

Under the proposed rules, poll workers would be tasked with ensuring an unexpired, acceptable

### One on One

**Patrick Gannon,**  
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form of ID is presented and that the photo on the ID is the same person showing up to vote. Differences between the ID photo and the voter – including weight, hairstyle, facial hair, tattoos or apparel, such as glasses – wouldn't be grounds for disqualification.

If a poll worker, however, determines that an ID photo doesn't bear any reasonable resemblance to the voter, then election judges must make a final determination. Unless the judges – three on Election Day and two during early voting – unanimously find that the photo doesn't bear any reasonable resemblance to the person wishing to vote, the person would be allowed to vote by regular ballot. If the judges unanimously decide that the photo doesn't depict the person who showed up to vote, then the person could cast a provisional ballot, which may or may not be counted.

What about different names? Elections officials also will have to determine that the name on the photo ID is the same or "substantially equivalent" to the name in the registration record. Under the proposal rules, the name on the photo ID should be considered "substantially equivalent" to the name on the voter rolls if differences are attributable to omission of a part of the name (Patrick William Smith Jr. versus Patrick

William Smith, for example), use of a common variation (Bill versus William) or use of an initial in place of part of a name (A.B. Smith versus Aaron B. Smith). The rules also would allow for the use of former names or names that include or omit a hyphen (Mary Beth Smith versus Mary Beth Jacobson or Mary C. Jacobson-Smith versus Mary C. Jacobson). And different ordering of names (Maria Eva Garcia Lopez versus Maria E. Lopez-Garcia) would be OK, too.

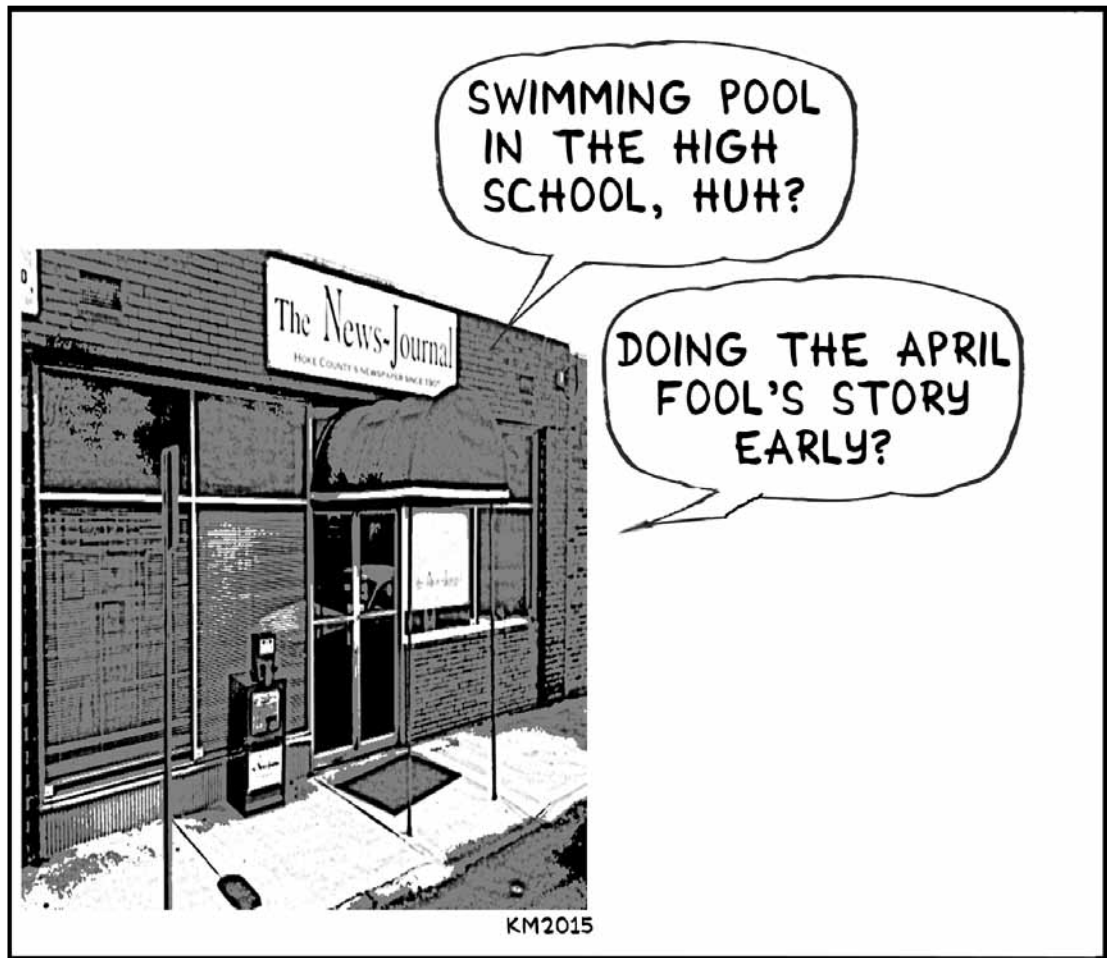
Different addresses on the ID and voter rolls? That shouldn't matter under the proposed rules, which state that different addresses shouldn't be construed as evidence that the photo ID doesn't bear "any reasonable resemblance" to the person at the polls.

Board of Elections data show hundreds of thousands of voters could be affected if the rules were super strict, such as requiring exact address and name matches between the photo ID and voter rolls.

As you can imagine, problems can arise from the voter ID requirement, such as poll workers who go on power trips or misinterpret the rules.

All of this is evidence that election workers must be well trained to carry out the law according to the rules, and voters should educate themselves in detail about the new process.

Longer waits at the polls in 2016? That's another issue altogether.



## Political revenge trumps education

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON  
N.C. Policy Watch

If you are looking for an example of how the pettiness and bitter partisanship of the folks currently running North Carolina have hurt the state, it's hard to find a more illustrative one than the decision to end the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.

No one disputes that the state currently faces a teacher shortage. Enrollment is down at private and public schools of education while student enrollment in K-12 public schools continues to grow as the state's population increases.

Low and stagnant teacher pay and budget cuts to the classroom are prompting many veteran teachers to leave for other states or leave the profession altogether and are hurting efforts to recruit bright college students into the profession.

It is clearly a crisis.

You would think state leaders would be desperate to support a scholarship program that would encourage top students from North Carolina to train to be teachers, especially one that would attract applicants from every corner of the state—many of whom stay in the classroom long after they have fulfilled their time commitment for the scholarship.

But not these legislative leaders or the current governor.

North Carolina had exactly such a scholarship program in place since 1986 when the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program was created by business and education leaders and funded by the General Assembly with the cooperation of

the administration of Republican Governor Jim Martin.

The program, run by the Public School Forum, provided four-year scholarships for students who agreed to spend at least four years in the classroom. Almost 11,000 students participated and more than 8,500 graduated and headed into schools in all 100 counties.

Almost 80 percent of them stayed in the classroom after their four-year commitment was over and almost two-thirds were still teaching six years later. Many of them are still teaching today and many have gone on to lead schools as principals.

The program was nationally recognized and leaders in other states are still calling asking questions about setting up something similar in their own states.

But when Republicans took control of the General Assembly in 2011, they ended the annual appropriation to the Teaching Fellows program and the funding ended completely March 1st of this year.

The Public School Forum recently issued a report summarizing the 30-year history of the Teaching Fellows and it's an impressive history indeed, making the decision by legislative leaders even more maddening.

No one has actually explained why the funding was eliminated. Lawmakers did expand funding for Teach for America, though those young teachers generally don't hang around after their two-year commitment is over.

No one can dispute the effectiveness of the Teaching Fellows. It's there in the numbers and the

stories. That only leaves politics.

Activist groups on the Right attacked the program because it was created and administered by the Forum, which had close ties to prominent Democrats like former Governor Jim Hunt. And it's true that the Forum has not always supported the education policies of the current General Assembly leadership.

But the Forum is not a political group, it's a policy nonprofit and its board chairs have included former Republican legislator Gene Arnold and prominent Republican and former State Board of Education Chair Phil Kirk, who writes letters to the editor every other week defending Governor Pat McCrory and legislative leaders.

None of that apparently matters. The folks currently in charge want to punish every group with ties to Democrats, regardless of the consequences for the state. That includes Governor McCrory, who signed the budgets that eliminated the funding for the Teaching Fellows.

There's talk in the legislative halls of creating some new scaled down version of the program that would not involve the Forum, but don't bet on it.

Partisanship and punishing political foes are more important to legislative leaders than addressing the teacher shortfall or improving public schools.

Otherwise, there'd be 2,000 more bright, eager North Carolina college students currently on a Teaching Fellows scholarship looking forward to starting a career in the classroom.

It's a scandal that there are not.

### TODAY'S HOMEWORK (Notes on Education)

"Choose the neighborhood and you choose the school. School choice. So why not just another form of 'school choice'? It's a convincing argument that says that all people should be able to choose. One more step isn't that different, right? So if we have been practicing de facto school choice, isn't it just logical to go all the way and allow everyone school choice? That's the argument, and it's a convincing one. It is much easier to just pick up and leave other people's children behind than to become active, militant, and spend time reforming a school by interacting with people who aren't necessarily like you."

— Brett Dickerson, blogger, teacher

"In my school, play is not something to be suppressed – it is something you facilitate and hope for. There's a reason that kids of all the most intelligent animals (whether kittens, dolphins or humans) are born with a desire to play. It is because playing is the most efficient way to learn. How could this blatantly obvious bit of evolution have been suppressed in the design of our school system? Thus, the ultimate achievement as a teacher is to trigger a marathon session of Automatic Learning Through Play, and sit back and watch the neurons connect."

— Mr. Money Mustache, a popular blogger on financial issues, describing his home school

## Left Carolina with its cold weather

In our last episode, we had travelled the back roads down to Amelia Island on the way to Orlando, coming face to face with fabulous wealth, something we were not in search of. We skirted through Fernandina Beach, which could have been posh Rodeo Drive, and followed the highway south past an incredible stretch of ostentatious, but beautiful, exclusive clubs and private mansions. These incredible beachfront homes were perched on lots resembling rain forests, through which serpentine cobbled driveways snaked around ancient trees on their way to three-car garages. I had to wonder what had happened in recent years to allow the recent development of this beautiful stretch of beach. I have the distinct feeling that a lot of money had changed hands in the process.

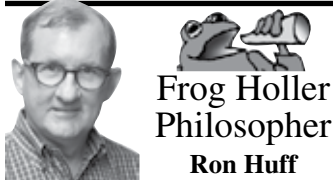
After miles of this impressive display, we entered a protected, undeveloped area much more to our liking, and pleasantly headed on south. We drove through state parks and preserves, crossed the Nassau Sound and Fort George River and found a ferry crossing that deposited us at Mayport. Having detoured north on A1A to Amelia Island, we were now still north of Jacksonville and soon hit Atlantic, Neptune and Jacksonville beaches. This was more of what we had expected and we happily and unhurriedly took in the scenery.

We decided that St. Augustine would be a good place to spend the night, leaving a reasonable drive to Orlando on day three. Having no idea what the crowds might be like there, Charlotte got on the internet and booked a cheap

hotel. Back to reality! I have great memories of St. Augustine from family vacations as a kid. We had relatives in Florida and made more than one trip to the Sunshine State piled up in a station wagon. I remember the gator farms, the old fort and the glass-bottom boats at Silver Springs. Seeing these attractions still in business was pleasant and nostalgic. To this point on the trip, traffic had been non-existent, so when we pulled into downtown St. Augustine, we braced ourselves as the traffic ground to a halt. Creeping along at less than walking pace, we discovered the culprit, a carnival set up on the square that seemed to have drawn every family with kids in a four state area.

Breaking free, we crossed the beautiful Lions Bridge into the St. Augustine beach area, finding our nearly empty hotel with its two foreign resident managers. I never found the advertised Jacuzzi, and the ice machine was out of order. After a full day in Florida, we still had not found good weather. We had failed to leave the cold at home, as we dejectedly bundled up to go to a recommended restaurant on the beach. We had a panoramic but ominous view of the gray and angry looking ocean as we ate among the regular local customers. We had made a long day of a short trip and decided to

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Frog Holler Philosopher  
Ron Huff

turn in, knowing that the next day would surely bring the warmth that we had been seeking.

The free continental breakfast was gone by the time Charlotte reached it the next morning. I deduced that the other three guests had beat her to it. Well, the hotel was cheap, so we got what we deserved.

We loaded up the car and headed south again, this time encountering heavy fog with visibility near zero at times. We passed Marineland where the porpoises have been performing since my childhood. The clouds parted as we stopped in Flagler Beach to take a few pictures and snaked on down to Ormond Beach where we cut inland. It cleared up until we cut back out, discovering that the clouds were clinging to the beaches. After driving south until we were turned back at the Cape Canaveral preserve, we backtracked to Titusville and headed to Orlando.

Having left the leisure mode, the GPS directed us to a toll road, where we paid four dollars in tolls in 10 miles, stopping four times to pay them before hitting Orlando with its obnoxious traffic. Paradise lost! After our stay, we made the drive home by interstate in 10 hours with very light traffic. The only thing memorable about our return trip is that it was uneventful. If you can afford the extra time, the back roads pay great dividends. We will do that again.

As we crossed the North Carolina line, the temperature astonishingly dropped forty degrees in 15 minutes. Welcome home. More later.

### We Get Letters

## We welcome your letters

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

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

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# Obituaries



Robert C. Hendrix

### Robert C. Hendrix

Robert C. Hendrix of Raeford went to be with his Lord on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the age of 84.

He was born in Hoke County on August 26, 1930 to the late Charlie F. Hendrix and Ruth Delia Carter Hendrix. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Hendrix and son, Rudolph C. Hendrix. He also was preceded in death by his siblings, Bill, Bennie, and Lonnie Hendrix, and Mamie Hendrix Rockholt. He was a member, deacon, elder, and president of his Sunday School Class of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, as well as a member and Past Master of the Raeford Masonic Lodge #306. A few of his favorite things were Christmas, bird watching, gospel music, and good country cooking, as well as fishing and spending time with his friends and family. He was a godly man who loved life and lived it to its fullest.

He is survived by his daughter, Lena M. Scott and husband Frank of Fayetteville; two grandchildren, Lance Lewis and wife Dina, and Jonathan Dunn of Manassas, Virginia; great-grandchildren, Robert, Eleftheria, and Sophia Lewis; two brothers, Noah Hendrix and wife Audrey of Raeford, and Howard Hendrix and wife Janet of Raeford.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 25 at the Raeford Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Michael L. McGehee officiating. Burial will be in the Raeford Cemetery following the funeral service with Masonic Rites.

Memorials may be made to the Raeford Presbyterian Church, Attn: Sam Morris Sunday School Class, PO Box 1570, Raeford, NC 28376.

Online condolences may be made at [www.crumplerfuneral-home.com](http://www.crumplerfuneral-home.com).

### Jill Bryant

Jill Bryant of Fayetteville died Saturday, March 21, 2015 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center at the age of 40.

She was born in Cumberland County on December 12, 1974 to James Bryant and Doris Whitehead.

She is survived by her three daughters, Jaleena Bryant of Fayetteville, Jewel Bryant of Fayetteville, Hannah Dunn of Lumberton; her sons, Shammond Stocks of Fayetteville, Daniel Bryant of Fayetteville; her father, James E. Bryant and his wife Dale of Fayetteville; her mother, Doris L. Whitehead of Fayetteville; four sisters, Dameena Basile of Fayetteville, Janet Bryant of Fayetteville, Deborah Raeford (John) of Fayetteville, Donna Bryant of Fayetteville; two step-sisters, Lisa Bullard (Andy) Jacksonville, Wanda Cummings of Fayetteville; step-brother, Bobby Cummings of Fayetteville; and a host of relatives and friends.

Visitation will be 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Crumpler Funeral Home-Raeford.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2015 at Jesus First Church, 7467 Camden Rd, Fayetteville. Burial will be in the Bryant Family Cemetery in Hoke County. Following the service, the family will receive friends at the home, 1751 Wellons Drive Fayetteville.

Online condolences may be made at [www.crumplerfuneral-home.com](http://www.crumplerfuneral-home.com).

### Sally M. Locklear

Sally Mae McMillan Locklear, 76, of Raeford died Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

She was born October 19, 1938 in Robeson County to Annie Mae and Archie McMillan. She was married to Diaz Locklear who preceded in her death. She graduated from Robeson County Public Schools.

Survivors include her daughters, Sallie Dial of the home, and Annie Locklear of Red Springs; sons, Belton Locklear of Raeford, Stephen Wayne Dial of Elizabethtown, and Bobby Dean Locklear of Pembroke; and sisters, Marie Chavis of Wakulla and Sarah Roland of South Carolina.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22 in Crumpler Funeral Home in Red Springs. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [www.crumplerfuneral-home.com](http://www.crumplerfuneral-home.com).

home.com.

### Louis Chester

Louis Chester, 82, of 911 North Jackson Street, formerly of Union Pointe, Georgia, died Saturday, March 14, 2015.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; children, Sharon, Wayne, Cynthia Kershaw, Leola Hailey, Brenda Collier, Clavance Patterson, Eboni Leavell, Guy Jenkins, and Delmar Williams; and a number of grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22 in Silver Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### Alvin Walker Sr.

Alvin Walker Sr., 78, of Raeford died Sunday, March 15, 2015.

Survivors include his wife, Mary McKinnon; children, Wanda J. Beck (Michael), Alvin Walker Jr. (Cynthia), and Carl J. Walker (Sherrell); sister, Barbara Walker Mack; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two godsons; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21 in Freedom Chapel AME Zion Church. Burial was in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery.

### Donna L. Moore

Donna Lucas Moore of 2508 Penny Drive died Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Highsmith Rainey Hospice at the age of 49.

She was born in Germany on May 15, 1965. She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene Rodney Lucas.

She is survived by her husband, Terry L. Moore of Fayetteville; her children, Christopher G. Colosky (Jamie) of Crouse, Frankie W. Colosky (Sherry) of Salemburg, and Jennifer M. Howard (Robert) of Fayetteville; her mother, Patricia A. Lucas of Fayetteville; her brothers, Eugene Lucas (Tabitha) of Maxton, William Lucas (Dawn) of Davis Bridge, and Donald Lucas Sr. of Lumber Bridge; and two grandchildren, Garrett Howard of Fayetteville and Layla Colosky of Salemburg.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at New Hope Church of God, Fayetteville. Burial was in the Parkton City Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [www.crumplerfuneral-home.com](http://www.crumplerfuneral-home.com).



Stone Gables has been open only for a year.

## Hoke apartment development on U.S. 401 sold for \$20 million

One of the newest and largest apartment building complexes in Hoke County has changed owners a little over a year after opening.

The 192-apartment development Stone Gables off of Highway 401 near Pittman Grove Church Road offers one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments for rent. Hackett Builders of Fayetteville developed the complex.

EB Real Estate Group bought the apartments for \$20 million, or \$104,167 per unit, which repre-

sents one of the highest purchase prices for an apartment building in the market area, officials reported.

"New ownership recognized the potential to enter the Fayetteville multi-family market in the early stages of its recovery and purchase a new construction property that leads the market. The combination of a diversifying economy and the top-notch features and amenities of Stone Gables allowed us to achieve one of the highest prices per door

in this market," John Ackiss of Capstone Apartment Partners brokerage firm said.

Capstone Apartment Partners, a real estate investment and brokerage firm based in Charlotte, handled the sale.

The apartments are ideally located because they are close to Fort Bragg and the new hospitals in Hoke, according to company officials. At the time of sale, the apartment complex was 96 percent occupied.

## School bus rear-ended

A driver ran into a stopped school bus last week on Loop Road, Hoke County Schools officials reported.

A bus from West Hoke Middle School was stopped while a student boarded the vehicle when a driver rear-ended the bus, according to a report. There were 16 students on the bus at the time

and one student who was in the process of getting onto the bus when the accident happened. Emergency medical technicians at the scene of the wreck checked out four students, but no injuries were reported and none of the children were taken to the hospital. The student who was in the process of getting on the bus was released to

parents at the scene.

The wreck happened Wednesday, March 18 in the morning hours. Trooper P. Allen of the North Carolina Highway Patrol is handling the case. Allen is pursuing further investigation and authorities would not release details on charges pending against the driver.



### Charges pending

Charges are pending against the driver of this 1998 Ford after an accident last week on N.C. 211 when, according to a highway patrol report, the car left the road, drove through four backyard fences, hit a tree, a pole on a house and two outdoor air conditioning units before coming to rest in the woods. Richard Daryl Byrd was not seriously injured in the accident in the Liberty Chase subdivision.

## Felons-only job fair set

A job fair in Fayetteville is opening its doors to convicted felons in Hoke and surrounding counties who are seeking employment.

Fayetteville Technical Community College is currently holding a series of classes through its Helping Offenders Prepare for Employment (HOPE) program and will host a job fair on Saturday, May 2 in Fayetteville.

The free classes will offer pre-employment training and information for convicted felons who are trying to get back into the working world. The classes run March 24 through April 2, April 7-10 and April 10-12. The classes are offered in mornings, evenings and weekends. Registration is required.

Ex-offenders who are seeking support can call 678-8495, 678-8456 or 678-8483 to register or for more information.

## Clark named FirstHealth patient care director



Bobbi Clark

When Bobbi Clark, R.N., worked in Oncology Services for FirstHealth of the Carolinas, she reported to clinical director Susan Beaty, R.N.

When Beaty became administrator of the new FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital-Hoke Campus in late 2013, Clark succeeded her as Oncology Services clinical director.

In her new job, as director of Patient Care Services/nurse executive for the Moore Regional-Hoke

Campus, Clark once again reports to Beaty, who is now president of the FirstHealth hospital in Hoke County.

"Susan is a great motivator, and I look forward to working with her again," says Clark, who assumed her Hoke Campus role on March 23. "I like her leadership style, and I think that's one reason we work so well together. She has taught me so much about so many different things."

Beaty holds Clark in the same high regard. "Bobbi is an excellent nurse and an excellent nurse leader," Beaty says. "We worked together at Richmond Memorial Hospital and in the Medical Oncology program, and we have always had a great working relationship. We also respect each other as individuals, so I look

forward to another great team effort here on the Hoke Campus."

A native of Scotland County, Clark has had various direct patient care and nurse leadership roles since she joined FirstHealth in July 2003. She worked in the Critical Care Unit and on the Hiatt nursing floor at Moore Regional and with FirstHealth Home Care. At Richmond Memorial Hospital in Rockingham, she worked in the Intensive Care Unit before becoming director of Outpatient Services.

A 2003 graduate of Sandhills Community College with an associate degree in nursing, Clark earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from UNC-Pembroke in 2007. She and her husband Chad reside in Richmond County with their two young daughters, ages 4 years and 8 months.

Clark supervises the Operating Room, Medical/Surgical and Emergency Department nursing staff.

"I'm very excited," Clark says of her new position. "I think it's a great opportunity for me. A great group of people work at MRH-Hoke Campus, and I'm excited about being a part of the team."

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# Uniforms



The new uniform from behind.

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A&T, he experienced what it was like to put on a band uniform. It's something special, he said. "It's like another layer of skin," Conner said. But the students at Hoke High haven't been able to have that experience, he said. At present, they often wear T-shirts when performing. The current uniforms have been sitting in storage for three years because they were in such poor condition and didn't fit some of the students. It wasn't a pretty picture, Conner

said. "I have freshmen coming in who are 6'6", 6'5"," he said. After one attempt at suiting up the band for a performance, it became clear it just wasn't going to work, Conner said. "I was like, we have to put these things away. They can never come out again. They just weren't conducive in terms of the style of band that we are, an athletic band, a step band, and just the size of the kids," he said. The band is often invited to perform in parades around the country and even internationally but - fundraising issues aside - they don't have the kind of formalwear that would let them put their best foot forward in representing Hoke County, the director said. Conner worked with the uniform company and Fruhauf to create the prototype uniform design. Fruhauf is the best and oldest company designing band uniforms, the band director said, and added that he sought to get the best instead of doing a bid process to find the cheapest option. "When I talked to Dr. Williamson and other individuals, you know, most counties, they do a bid. You get three different companies to bid on your uniform and normally they end up picking the lower model, and then the band director is pulling their hair out in year five," Conner said. The uniforms have to be able to take a lot of abuse when students are high-stepping and dancing on the field. The new ones are designed to be able to handle the wear and tear, Conner said. The uniforms have a variety of features including three different chest pieces for home games, away games and competitions, a silver cape over the back, buck hoof prints down the sides of the pants and a specially designed hat that will make the band stand out on the field. Although it's just a prototype at this point, Conner said he hoped to get the students fitted and kitted out at some point during the football season this year. The Board of Education gave the band director permission to pursue the project. The band has proven to be a good thing for students in many ways, Conner said. Several students have gone on to earn music degrees from universities and others are able to pursue scholarships as they seek college admission. And many of the recent valedictorians have been members of the marching band, too, he said.

# Deadline nears for community grants

The board of directors of the Hoke County Community Foundation is accepting online grant applications for community projects serving the arts, environment, education, health and social welfare needs of Hoke County from its community fund. Applications are being accepted through April 7. Funds are available to nonprofit organizations for general charitable needs in Hoke County in a range of \$500 - \$2,000. Grant applications are available on the NCCF website, [www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org) affiliates/HokeCounty.org

The board is also including funds from the Mary Archie McNeill Fund in support of music and arts in Hoke County. This fund was originally established to support the choral program in the Hoke County Schools and has recently expanded its mission to provide support for music and arts for all people living in Hoke County. The board is accepting grant applications in a range of \$1,000 - \$5,000 to schools and local nonprofit organizations offering music and art programs for the citizens of Hoke County. This year's applications are available online through April 7 at noon under the quick links section of

the N.C. Community Foundation website ([www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org)). The Hoke foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. The community fund was established to help support local charitable needs through annual grants. President is John Jordan. Grants Chair is Jean Hodges. Board members are Wanda Cohen, Sheri Dahman, Vickie Farmer, William Fields Jr., Jean Harrison, Calvin House, Ron Huff, Regina Joe, Leah Leach, Jeff McNeill, Whitford Jones, Joe Poole, John Owen and Wanda McPhaul.

# Hoke students get UNC-P degrees

The following Hoke County students at UNC-Pembroke graduated following the winter term with bachelor of arts degrees: Shanise Antoinette Hadley, Sociology; Nicole Locklear, Sociology; Christopher Michael McCarty, Art; Tabitha C. Paxton, Sociology; and Tiffany Renea Verton, Political Science. Sylvester Leon Singley earned a bachelor of interdisciplinary

studies degree in Criminal Justice. These students received bachelor of science degrees: Cassandra Marie Baca, Birth-Kindergarten Education; Arielle Megan Beal, Middle Grades Education; Jessica Nicole Holder, Birth-Kindergarten Education; Brittany Nicole Jeffery, Biology; Colin Lee Lowery, Biology; Jennifer M. Moon, Business Administration; and Bert William Reese,

Business Administration. Sherronda Latrice Hasty-Morrissey and Sha'Nequa Maria Tucker earned Social Work degrees. Brianna Lynn Visaggio earned a master of arts degree in Social Studies Education. Franklin Delano Bowden Jr. earned a master of school administration degree.

# Real Estate Transfers

Recent transfers of real estate, listed with the Hoke County Register of Deeds:  
**March 2**  
• Lot 35 Robin's Walk Section 2, from Kimberly J. and Stephen R. Treanor to Capital Financial Resources and Property Manage-

ment LLC of Cary  
• 6 acres on Reservation Road, Aberdeen, from Amy and Franklin Kicklighter Jr., Mark Kicklighter and Julie and William King to James Richard Douglas Jr. of Aberdeen  
• Lot 23 Turnberry Section 1,

Part 2, from H&H Onsite Homes LLC of Fayetteville to Heather T. and Kurt D. Komyati of Raeford  
• Lot 58 Brookside Section 2, from H&H Onsite Homes LLC of Fayetteville to Whitney Leigh and Howard White Jr. of Raeford.

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# Hoke woman volunteers as Guardian

A Hoke County resident was sworn in March 20 by Judge Scott Brewer to be Guardian ad Litem volunteer, promising to advocate for abused and neglected children in Hoke County. Newly sworn-in volunteer Wendy Boisse said, "(she is) ready to take a case." Hoke County's newest Guardian ad Litem volunteers completed 30 hours of training in how to advocate for children in court before taking their oath in front of the judge.

Hoke County volunteers are currently working to represent and promote the best interests of 27 different abused, neglected, and/or dependent children in the state court system. The Hoke County GAL Program is part of the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, a division of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, which recruits, trains, and supervises volunteer advocates in every county across the state. Volunteer ad-

vocates work with an attorney to form a plan that ensures these children are placed in a safe, permanent home. The North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program depends on volunteerism. If you have an interest in becoming the voice for a child, contact the Hoke County GAL office at 910-266-4530. You can also find out more about the program by visiting [www.ncgal.org](http://www.ncgal.org) or [www.facebook.com/ncGuardianAdLitem](http://www.facebook.com/ncGuardianAdLitem).

# Police Blotter

Raeford Police reported the following recent incidents:  
**March 16**  
Damage to real property, larceny, breaking and entering, 400 block of College Drive, victim Kara Suarez  
**March 17**  
Larceny, 400 block of Dickson Street, victim city of Raeford  
**March 18**  
Larceny, 400 block of West Fifth Avenue, victim Clarence

Herbert Patterson  
Trespassing agreement, 100 block of Yadkin Trail  
**March 20**  
Larceny, 100 block of West Palmer, victim Carl Edward Dooley  
Discharging a firearm inside the city of Raeford, 400 block of East Donaldson Avenue, victim state of North Carolina  
**March 21**  
Trespassing agreement, 1300 block of East Central

Avenue  
Forgery, using/uttering, fraud, 200 block of Cole Avenue, victim Charlotte Campbell  
Larceny of a motor vehicle, 100 block of Lantern Lane, victim Carol Lynn Coleman  
**March 22**  
Possession of an open container, speeding, Turnpike Road/Dockery Road, victim state of North Carolina. Police charged Twana Jermail Atkinson, 37, of the 100 block of Indigo Avenue in Raeford.

# Other stuff

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He made it all the way out to I-85 before it broke down the first time. The school bus garage sent a fellow out who showed him how to use a zip tie to bypass the troublesome part (zip tie on to go; cut the zip tie to turn it off). Telling the story, he assured us that this was a carefully researched and crafted plan. "You have to have one kind of insurance to drive it, and another to live in it," he said, for example. "Do tell," I replied. He then showed some Pinterest pictures of buses people have transformed into veritable castles. "Ever heard of a Pinterest fail?" I thought to myself. To be fair, they've been talk-

ing about the so-called and aptly descriptive "tiny houses" for some time. It's a popular fad among those who haven't been married long enough to not want to be all up in each other's bubble twenty-four/seven. People make them out of traditional building materials, but also shipping containers, and, apparently, school buses. They range from 200 to 1,000 square feet. The idea is to make up for their lack of space with creativity. A-plus on that one, Ben. He showed us pictures on his phone. "Couldn't drive it here to show you because, once we got it home, we realized it doesn't have tags." It does, however, have a swing-

ing stop sign, though it's been disabled. Good plan, that one, school officials. It's also had its governor removed so it will almost do 55 miles per hour. Beaming, Ben said he tried to talk the guys at the garage (unsuccessfully) into not completely spray-painting over "School Bus" but to just take out the "S" and "h." Cool Bus. Still, even with a spray-painted-out title, it looks like any ol' school bus, and Ben reported drivers seemed to respect him until they got really close. Admittedly, as a scooter rider, I was just a tad envious of any respect. I just don't know where he gets this eccentricity. ♦

# Shooting

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Saturday around 11:40 p.m. in reference to a shooting. Investigators discovered victim Keith Harris of the 100 block of McDiarmid Road in Raeford had been shot multiple

times in the torso. He was taken to Cape Fear Valley hospital and remained in critical condition following surgery. The suspect allegedly fled the scene in a small white sedan.

Authorities are still seeking Gates on outstanding warrants. Anyone with information about the suspect's whereabouts is asked to call the Hoke County Sheriff's Office at 875-5111.

# Soldier charged

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sexual offenses that reportedly

took place in March. Davis is employed with the United States

Army, 3rd MIS-B at Fort Bragg.

# Births

Kara and Sterling Hicks of Raleigh announce the birth of their daughter Kaylyn Sierra on February 1 at Rex Women's Center. She is the granddaughter of the late June A. McLaughlin, (Retired) SFC Bernard A. McPhatter and Mr. and Mrs. Al Bobby Hicks of Pompano Beach, Florida. Her great-grandparents are Onnie

B. Dudley, the late John E. McLaughlin and the Rev. and Mrs. Oris McPhatter.

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# SPORTS

## Winter Athletic Banquet continued



The Hoke County High School Lady Bucks' basketball team awardees for 2014-2015 are Jazlynn McNeill, Co-MVP (left to right); Temontae Spellers, Coaches Award; J.T. Wells, Co-MVP; and Mohogany Matthews, Coaches Award.



The Hoke County High School Bucks' basketball team awardees for 2014-2015 are Koren Parker-Ultimate Warrior (left to right), Johnathan Pickler-Dedicated Buck and Devin Norwood-Most Improved.



The Hoke County High School Bucks' wrestling team had three wrestlers – Ameer Shakir, Bailey Cooper and Devonté McLean - make it to the State Championships and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association recognized them for their accomplishment.

## Bucks baseball and softball update

By HAL NUNN  
Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Bucks' baseball team got the season started with a come-from-behind win to defeat Union Pines; however, four straight losses set the Bucks back a bit. Last week, the Bucks got back into the win column with an 8-7 win over E.E. Smith. Liam Gentry had a key two strike, two out double that scored the tying run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Then, Tyric Parker hit a walk off single to score Gentry and cap the win for Hoke County. Nick Luccetti got the win for the Bucks from the mound. "Our guys played a total

team effort on defense and many guys played out of position due to injuries and illnesses," Coach Mike Ray said. Last Friday night, the Bucks got conference play off to a slow start with a 10-0 loss against Richmond County. The Bucks played Lumberton last night and play tonight against E.E. Smith in Fayetteville. They come home Friday night to play Scotland County.

The Lady Bucks' softball team had a three game winning streak last week with a commanding 26-0 win over E.E. Smith. Bryce Smith had seven RBIs in the game and Bethany Locklear and Alyssa Castillo combined for the win from the

mound. Last Friday night, the winning streak came to an end with a 10-5 loss in conference play to Richmond County. "We played a good game and the lead was back and forth until late," Coach Heather Glass said. The Lady Bucks were up 4-1 but Richmond tied it 4-4 and had a big inning late in the game to lead 10-4. Hoke scored one run in the last inning to make it a 10-5 final. Caitlynn Crenshaw and Bryce Smith were both 2-3 from the plate in the game. The Lady Bucks played Lumberton last night and play E.E. Smith tonight in Fayetteville. They also come home Friday night to play Scotland County.



### Diamond Elite 12U finish 2nd

The Diamond Elite 12U girls' travel softball team based out of Hoke County finished in second place out of six teams at the Top Gun Spring Fling tournament in Fayetteville last weekend. The girls played six games in one day to cap off the runner-up spot. The girls are preparing to play in Latta, South Carolina this coming weekend. Pictured are Abby Dover (front row, left to right), August Smith, Courtney Cygan, Hailey Wilson and Hailey Pait; middle row: Taylor Pasternak, Haleigh Line, Kamryn Russel, Mailah Quick and Jaide Holiday; back row: Coach Jamie Dover, Coach Jason Line and Coach David Pait.

## Just Putting Around

### Bayonet at Puppy Creek

The Friday Shootout winners from last Friday, who finished at even par, were Flint Hamilton, Carl Casey and Gene Carter. Second place was the team of Kevin Hamilton, Marcus Dudley and John Hudson at 1-over. The Monday Shootout saw 22 players on a beautiful day. First place was the team of Joe Westerland, Brian Basham, Earl Swann and Marcus Dudley at 5-under. Second place went to Loren Beahm, Carl Casey, Elmer Capps and Gene Carter.

The Sunday Group winners were Chad Hodgkin, Josh Hunter and Mitchell Sports.

### Airborne & Special Operations Foundation

The 6th Annual Airborne & Special Operations Museum Foundation golf tournament will be held April 17, 2015 with registration at 9:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 11 a.m. at Stryker Golf Course on Fort Bragg. For more information on this tournament, call 910-643-2778 or email info@asomf.org.

### Upland Trace

The Saturday Morning group winners were Al Smith, Steve Jumbelick and Dixie Musselwhite. The Sunday Morning group winners were Don Frykholm, Guy Wall and Ray McLemore. The Sunday Afternoon group winners were Brian Stephens, David Hoover, Jerry Johnson and Kris Taylor.

## Raeford Racing Round-Up

### Rockfish Speedway practice begins

Rockfish Motorsports Speedway, the 3/8-mile clay oval off Lindsay Road in Rockfish, will have an open practice for all divisions this Saturday from 10 a.m.

until 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per car and grandstand admission is free and open to the public. The season will begin April 11 and plans are to have six divisions this year at

the track: Legends, 600 Sprints, 270 Sprints, Mod Lites, Pro Go Karts and Mini Pro Go Karts. For more information, visit [www.rockfishmotorsports.com](http://www.rockfishmotorsports.com).

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## Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

### March 25

Girls JV Soccer Home vs. Scotland 5:30 p.m.  
Girls V Soccer Home vs. Scotland 7 p.m.  
Girls V Softball at E.E. Smith 5 p.m.  
Boys V Baseball at E.E. Smith 6 p.m.

### March 26

Girls JV Soccer Home vs. Pine Forest 5:30 p.m.  
Girls V Soccer Home vs. Pine Forest 7 p.m.  
Boys Tennis Home vs. Richmond 4 p.m.  
Track at Purnell Swett 4 p.m.  
Middle School Softball &

Baseball at West Hoke 4:15 p.m.

### March 27

Girls JV Softball at Scotland 5 p.m.  
Girls V Softball Home vs. Scotland 7 p.m.  
Boys JV Baseball at Scotland 5 p.m.  
Boys V Baseball Home vs. Scotland 7 p.m.

### March 30

Girls V Soccer Home vs. Purnell Swett 6 p.m.  
Boys Golf at Scotland 2 p.m.  
Middle School Softball & Baseball at Sandy Grove 4:15 p.m.

Middle School Softball & Baseball at West Hoke 4:15 p.m.

Middle School Girls & Boys Soccer at East Hoke 4:15 p.m.

### March 31

Girls JV Softball at Purnell Swett 5 p.m.  
Girls V Softball Home vs. Purnell Swett 7 p.m.  
Boys Tennis Home vs. Lumberton 4 p.m.  
Boys JV Baseball at Purnell Swett 5 p.m.  
Boys V Baseball Home vs. Purnell Swett 7 p.m.

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# District Court

Recent cases heard in Hoke County District Criminal Court: **March 5**

**Judge Regina M. Joe presiding**

- Ezz Hassan S. Abdelfattah, 55, 5575 Windy Knoll Place, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Shelia McDaniel Berry, 45, 115 Hollow Lane, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Victoria Crystal Bullard, 26, 2433 Mount Zion Church Road, Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs; failure to secure passenger under 16, voluntary dismissal
- David Flores Capote, 28, 53 Beck St., Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$100 fine and court costs
- Willie Jeffery Clark Jr., 25, 142 Grady St., Fayetteville, driving while license revoked, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Carolyn Tracy Cooper, 41, 5390 Chicken Road, Lumberton, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Michael Tyrone Davis, 42, 2821 Whisper Oaks Court, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Michael Scott Douglas, 31, 107 Hawthorn Drive, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Jessica Marie Flemings, 26, 6540 Roy Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Miranda Jeanine Ford, 20, 822 Reed St., Raeford, speeding 44 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, \$60 fine and court costs
- Patricia Carolyn Garrison, 62, 7415 Calloway Road, Aberdeen, driving while license revoked (for a charge of impaired driving), court costs; driving left of center, voluntary dismissal
- William John Gillis, 30, 7715 Climbing Tree Lane, Fayetteville, failure to wear seat belt by driver, \$25.50 fine and court costs
- Jaquahn Jaquel Glover, 25, 338 Community Road, St. Pauls, speeding 54 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone, \$70 fine and court costs
- Tyquan Matthew Auric Graham, 22, 409 Cleveland St., Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs; driving while license revoked, voluntary dismissal
- Brandon Keith Grice, 32, 1354 Palestine Road, Linden, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Mondell Duane Hampton, 40, 150 Groesbeck St., Fort Bragg, speeding 54 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone, \$100 fine and court costs; reckless driving to endanger, voluntary dismissal
- Lora Lee Howton, 32, 20 Salem Drive, Pinehurst, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$15 fine and court costs
- Deshaun Larelle Jones, 35, 250 Sawtooth Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Keith O'Neal Marsh, 37, 329 Club Pond Road, Raeford, driving while license revoked due to impaired driving conviction, voluntary dismissal; expired registration card or tag, voluntary dismissal
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- Mario Sentrell Monroe, 32, 108 Pately Place, Raeford, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$25 fine and court costs
- Constantino Lazaro Nava, 41, 416 McBride Road, Red Springs, no operator's license, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Darrel Lee Patterson, 37, 1069 Joel Road, Carthage, speeding 69 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Roy Timothy Pegues, 34, 20241 Blakely Road, Laurinburg,

driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs

- Laura Perez, 22, 268 Mayor Court, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Gary Lane Pierce, 55, 7714 King Road, Fayetteville, driving while impaired, Level 5, 12 months suspended, 12 months probation, obtain assessment and follow any recommended treatment for substance abuse, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, transfer probation to Cumberland County; driving while license revoked, 10 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation
- Yesenia Reyes Remigio, 34, 121 Fay Honeycutt Lot, Raeford, no operator's license, prayer for judgment, court costs; failure to secure passenger under 16 years old, voluntary dismissal
- Jerrell William Robinson, 24, 118 Howell Place, Raeford, hit and run/failure to stop for property damage, driving while license revoked (revoked for impaired driving conviction), 30 days in jail, active, judgments consolidated; operating an all-terrain vehicle on roadway where such vehicles are prohibited, voluntary dismissal
- Sarah Leigh Robinson, 34, 3358 Winterwood Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- George Eric Rowe, 64, 6269 Stoney Point Loop, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Chad Randal Russ, 33, 205 Church St., Lumber Bridge, driving while impaired, Level 3, six months suspended, 12 months probation, court costs, attorney fees, other expenses, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed; open container after first consuming alcohol, unsafe tires, seven days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, court costs, judgments consolidated; operating a motor vehicle with no insurance, voluntary dismissal
- Andrea Sada Sansbury, 28, 1532 Pierce St., Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Phillip Chase Smith, 30, 612 S. Old Wire Road, Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$70 fine and court costs; expired registration card or tag, voluntary dismissal
- Emily A. Turcotte, 20, 503 Northwoods Drive, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Gwendolyn Melinda Vicens, 56, 413 Pin Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S.C., improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs.

Recent cases heard in Hoke County District Criminal Court: **March 12**

**Judge Amanda L. Wilson presiding**

- Megan Renee Adams, 30, 228 Plaza Road, Laurinburg, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$15 fine and court costs
- Cerrell Danielle Armstrong, 22, 23040 Marston Road, Laurel Hill, speeding 44 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, \$15 fine and court costs; expired registration card or tag, voluntary dismissal
- Shane Lindsey Barnes, 45, 980 Stoney Point Road, Kings Mountain, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Kimberly Rae Boccagno, 33, 194 Sanford Court, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Renee Alexandria Bryant, 49, 5701 Oak Meadow, Raleigh, improper equipment—speedometer, \$75 fine and court costs; expired registration, voluntary dismissal
- Yvonne Nicole Carstarphen, 47, 1320 Tree Place, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Devin Jeremiah Carter, 20, 100 Overlook Court, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Angela Guadalupe J. Cruz, 41, 2587 N.C. 401 Business, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs; failure to secure passenger under 16, voluntary dismissal
- Robin Crystal Dale, 20, 18420 Sophie's Court, Laurinburg, improper equipment—speedometer, \$100 fine and court costs
- Valinda Brown Ford, 53, 822 Reed St., Raeford, improper equip-

ment—speedometer, \$80 fine and court costs; reckless driving to endanger, voluntary dismissal

- Valeria Denise Galberth, 47, 526 College Drive, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Tyshenna Tynda Galloway, 21, 1701 Chasewood Drive, Charlotte, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs; expired registration, voluntary dismissal
- Cristina Garcia, 38, 112-B Eulon Loop, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$60 fine and court costs
- Keyona George, 37, 117 Hillcrest Drive, Raeford, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Garry Thomas Gibbs II, 29, 232 Springer Drive, Raeford, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Russell Dwayne Goldman, 44, 602 Oakland Ave., Hamlet, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$25 fine and court costs; failure to notify N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles of address change, voluntary dismissal
- Juanita Ashe Graham, 61, 245 Pine Lake Drive, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Linda Gerald Harrell, 45, 3051 Galloway Road, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Walter Lennon Harrington, 62, 1296 New Bethel Church Road, Rex, failure to stop at a stop sign or flashing red light, \$10 fine and court costs; expired registration, voluntary dismissal
- Robert Crosland Harrison, 35, 996 Waccamaw Drive, Murrells Inlet, S.C., improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Deborah Jean Jackson, 47, 897 Chesterfield Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Janis Pate Jones, 56, 12160 Cypress Drive, Laurinburg, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Samuel Jose-Angel, 37, 112 Norris Lane, Shannon, no operator's license, \$50 fine and court costs
- Ilse Astrid Kreutz, 33, 179 Edisto Court, Raeford, speeding 69 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$15 fine and court costs
- Brenda Ray Locklear, 41, 22860 Old Lumberton Road, Maxton, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Rhonda Locklear, 23, 1156 Honeycutt Road, Fayetteville, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$150 fine and court costs; reckless driving to endanger, voluntary dismissal
- Simon Locklear, 28, 4991 Saint Pauls Drive, Raeford, fictitious or altered title, registration card or tag, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Brandon N. Mastrostefano, 18, 114 Shady Lane, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Vernon Levonte McArn, 26, 1309 N. Shannon Road, Shannon, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Darren Dewayne McCollum, 43, 708 S. Parker Church Road, Raeford, possession of marijuana up to ounce, prayer for judgment, court costs; speeding 75 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
- Almeda Lynn McDaniel 27, 118 Calvin St., Spring Lake, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs; possession or display of altered, fictitious or revoked driver's license, voluntary dismissal
- Cameron Philip McGirt, 19, 6321 Kinross Ave., Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Latara Noel McKoy, 31, 101 Cool Breeze Drive, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Tara Gwen McLean, 36, 73 Turtle Drive, Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Tamara Janell McNeil, 32, 29600 Horseshoe Road, Wagram,

speeding 68 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, prayer for judgment, court costs

- Anthony James Menne, 23, 1100 Fulford McMillan Road, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Jerry Wade Miller, 60, 1856 Strother Road, Aberdeen, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Webster Foster Mitchell, 42, 11121 N.C. 130 West, Maxton, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Latasia Shaney Morris, 25, 731 C.L. Tart Circle, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Antonia Nicolasa Nunez, 48, 237 Scurlock School Road, Raeford, no operator's license, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Erving William Otero, 24, 3531 9th Infantry St., Fort Bragg, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Gerardo Perez Vazquez, 27, 645 Rockfish Road, Raeford, no operator's license, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Krista Anna Podluszky, 27, 5551 Fountain Grove Circle, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Shirl Ray Pruitte, 43, 21901 Katawba Drive, Laurel Hill, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Keonte Omar Purcell, 23, 299 Purcell Drive, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Susan Hawthorne Rogers, 50, 1190 Edinburgh Road, Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$20 fine and court costs
- Jo Ann Sampson, 49, 4609 Wind Chime Court, Charlotte, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs; expired registration, voluntary dismissal
- Tanette Flora F. Seaford, 29, 973 Kidd Circle, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Matthew Joseph Simmons, 24, 210 Highland Ave., Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Katherine Diane Talbot, 40, 136 Dundee Farm Road, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Brandon Thomas Tillman, 30, 4732 Flintcastle Road, Fayetteville, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$15 fine and court costs
- Nyeamah Jacole Troutman, 23, 3422 Town St., Hope Mills, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Rica Patrice Williams, 21, 130 N. Leak St., Southern Pines, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs; driving or allowing to drive motor vehicle with no insurance, voluntary dismissal
- James Orlando Wilson, 40, 1002 Rice St., Hamlet, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Tania Liz Wilson, 39, 2524 Quail Forest Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Kalie Jo Wright, 24, 3 North South Court, Southern Pines, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$25 fine and court costs **March 17**

**Judge Michael A. Stone presiding**

- Patricio Francisco Ahumada, 18, 670 Americana Drive, Raeford, simple assault, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$25 fine and court costs
- Erica Turquia Graham, 26, 349 Nantucket Lane, Shannon, speeding 45 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Terry Joseph Earl Hammonds, 29, 7704 Red Springs Road, Red Springs, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Amy Marie Hubert, 26, 1402 Shankle Road, Shannon, shoplifting by concealment of goods, prayer for judgment, court costs

- Johnny Wayne Jackson, 36, 5716 Dragonfly Drive, Fayetteville, driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs; expired registration, voluntary dismissal
- Phillip Ashley Locklear, 34, 1687 McGirt Road, Maxton, improper equipment—speedometer, \$70 fine and court costs; reckless driving/wanton disregard, voluntary dismissal
- Tiffany Cherise McLean, 25, 328 Stevens St., Raeford, failure to stop at a stop sign or flashing red light, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Kiara Shonta McPhaul, 24, 203 Springer Drive, Raeford, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Michael Leon Melvin, 55, 187 Rosetta Drive, Saint Pauls, driving while license revoked (for impaired driving), 45 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$50 fine and court costs, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, upon full compliance and payment in full of all fines, fees and costs, defendant may be transferred to unsupervised probation after 90 days of supervised probation
- Beverly Jacobs Monroe, 48, 5298 Balfour Road, Lumber Bridge, failure to secure passenger under 16, \$25 fine and court costs **March 19**

**Judge Michael A. Stone presiding**

- Darenlo Billinger, 37, 175 McDiarmid Road, Raeford, driving while impaired, Level 5, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs, surrender operator's license, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, split jail time, undergo assessment for substance abuse and follow any recommended treatment
- Ronnie Lee Blackburn, 52, 2337 Bee Gee Road, Lumberton, driving while license revoked, seven days in jail, credit for seven days served
- Diane Gassandra Bordeaux, 49, 7116 Hypony Trail, Parkton, driving while impaired, Level 1, two years suspended, 12 months probation, \$100 fine and court costs, split jail time, undergo assessment for substance abuse and follow any recommended treatment; driving while license revoked, case dismissed; failure to wear seat belt by driver, voluntary dismissal
- Derrick Jonnel Brier, 24, 5960 Brookcliff Road, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Sharvara Brown, 30, 1489 Rockfish Road, Raeford, failure to wear seat belt by driver, prayer for judgment, court costs; driving while license revoked, voluntary dismissal
- Christopher Melton Cox, 18, 214 Wheeler St., Wadesboro, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Jennifer Leigh Duckworth, 31, 3651 Rockhurst Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Ricky Antonio Ferguson, 47, 4108 Huntmeadow Drive, Charlotte, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Qumice Yeal Frank, 17, 5726 Cold Harbor Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Cassandra Joan Geasley, 22, 130 Sanford Court, Raeford, no operator's license, five days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$50 fine and court costs; hit and run leaving the scene of property damage, voluntary dismissal
- Shasa Vandina A. Gillis, 27,

- 6584 Muscat Road, Hope Mills, driving while license revoked, five days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$75 fine and court costs; failure to wear seat belt by driver, voluntary dismissal
- Georgeann Gongaware, 33, 7837 Gaelic Drive, Fayetteville, driving while license revoked, five days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$25 fine and court costs; failure to wear seat belt by driver, voluntary dismissal
- Vicki Hardy, 46, 3721 Heather Brooke Drive, Fayetteville, reckless driving to endanger, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$75 fine and court costs; speeding 103 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
- Tosha Keneatris Hemingway, 36, 128 Alexander Lane, Blenheim, S.C., improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Angello Marcellus Howell, 40, 306 Scurlock Court, Raeford, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs; canceled, revoked or suspended certificate or tag, voluntary dismissal
- Billy Dean Jacobs, 35, 2579 Dairy Road, Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Daniel Olas Tyrone Johnson, 18, 399 Rusty Road, Raeford, no operator's license, consumption of alcohol by person under 19 years old, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$25 fine and court costs, judgments consolidated; driving or allowing to drive motor vehicle with no registration, voluntary dismissal
- Steven Paul Knight, 33, 14800 Hunsucker Road, Laurel Hill, expired or no registration, \$120 fine and court costs; operating a motor vehicle with no insurance, voluntary dismissal
- Wayne Fulton Livingston, 59, 7265 Saint Pauls Road, Lumber Bridge, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Dustin Dwayne Locklear, 25, 110 Spencer Lane, Red Springs, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Venega D. McArthur, 40, 5437 N.C. 72 West, Lumberton, speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Monica Elizabeth McGuire, 21, 106 Lewis Lane, Pinebluff, failure to stop at a stop sign or flashing red light, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Eutiavio L. Mendoza, 34, 148 Cleo Lane, Raeford, driving while license revoked (two counts), 120 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs, judgments consolidated; driving left of center, voluntary dismissal; failure to secure passenger under 16, voluntary dismissal
- Anthony Jermaine Nivens, 27, 215 Piney Grove Park Trail, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs; expired, canceled or revoked registration, voluntary dismissal
- Phillip Randolph Owens, 503 McLean St., Raeford, cyberstalking, voluntary dismissal
- Christy Sanderson, 30, 10674 Deep Branch Road, Maxton, driving while impaired, Level 5, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs, surrender operator's license, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, 24 hours community service and pay fee
- Martera Shinese Sconiers, 28, 630 Harvey Dale Drive, Fayetteville, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs; speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
- Sherquetta Vonee Singletary, 30, 210 Singletary St., Raeford, improper use of red or blue light, voluntary dismissal
- Lionel A. Telford, 30, 1304 King Ave., Spring Lake, improper equipment—speedometer, \$15 fine and court costs
- Jeffery Kay Walker, 61, 292 Filly Lane, Raeford, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs.



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# Hoke Fest



Performer Jill Charles

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15,000 to 20,000 people in attendance.

"There's something for everybody. Some people come just for the carnival rides, and we have some really nice carnival rides. Others come for the food, whether it's turkey legs or the barbecue or the cotton candy," he said. "Others come for the entertainment because they want to show off their skills on the karaoke stage."

When the festival began in 2011, it was just a part of the Hoke County Centennial celebration. The event got such a strong response from the community that the organizers decided to bring it back.

"It was received so well that we decided to make it an annual event," Bullard said.

Hoke Fest has changed over the years, such as moving away from holding a barbecue cooking competition, but it's still growing,

Bullard said.

Although it no longer holds the barbecue competition, the festival will offer a barbecue plate sale with proceeds going to benefit East Hoke Middle School.

Hoke Fest gives people in Hoke County a chance to enjoy a springtime event, Bullard said. While it does have the famous Poultry Festival in the fall, the county doesn't have a spring fair the way surrounding counties do.

"We don't have a fair in Hoke County. This is probably about the closest thing that Hoke County folks can (have)," Bullard said.

The festival is held on the grounds of East Hoke Middle School. It's proved to be a great location that's easy for people to access, Bullard said.

This year, Cape Fear Valley Hoke Healthcare has signed on as the title sponsor. The hospital system recently opened its new hospital on Highway 401 just a

few miles down the road from the middle school.

Local singer-songwriter Jill Charles, who performs patriotic style music, will perform onstage Friday and Saturday nights. Punk rock band "A Perfect Lie" from Fayetteville will perform Thursday and Saturday nights during the festival. The stage will also host karaoke every night of the festival, provided by Lone Wolf Karaoke.

"Local non-profit groups will also have the opportunity to show their passion at different times throughout the week. The event now serves as a fundraiser for East Hoke Middle School," according to a press release from organizers.

The carnival and festival will also include North Carolina pork barbecue, carnival foods, helicopter rides, horse-drawn carriage rides, a petting zoo, racing pigs, a Ferris wheel, mechanical bull riding, carnival games, children's swings and more.

The event goes on, rain or shine.

"We're just hoping for really good weather," Bullard said.

Discount ride coupons are available at local businesses. This year, Boy Scouts will help direct parking to make it easier for people to get in and out of the festival.

Local vendors can still join the festival to set up a booth and sell their items.

For more information about Hoke Fest, visit the website at [www.hokefest.com](http://www.hokefest.com).



## Saturday fire

Fire destroyed the store and two apartments behind it at the center of the South Hoke community across the street from Hawk Eye Elementary School Saturday afternoon. No one was reported injured in the fire. The building was considered a total loss. The American Red Cross was called to provide assistance to the people living in the apartments at the time, fire officials said. The grill was to hold its grand opening Saturday, a resident of the area said. (Sherman Chavis photo)

## Expo

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Representatives of Open Arms, a nursing facility in Raeford, demonstrated the Music and Memory program. The program, one of many different services the facility seeks to offer its residents, connects nursing home residents with music from the happiest times of their lives. The nursing home kicked off the program in January and hopes to grow it in the coming year.

The certified employees create customized playlists for each resident and download it onto an iPod for them. The music is often from a resident's younger years, and helps them reconnect and feel better — sometimes with dramatic results, activities director Nicole Purcell said.

"I have one lady who speaks Spanish and we put all Spanish language music on her iPod, and she dances down the hallway, her walker is her partner," Purcell said. "She sat and she sang and she hugged me and said thank you so much."

Lindsay Graham and other Cape Fear Valley Blood Donation Center workers donned gloves and prepped the needles for a free service for interested attendees.

"We're offering anybody who shows up here today free blood typing. Most people don't know their blood type, generally," Graham said.

The team gave out information about the center and its work to supply Cape Fear Valley's hospitals with blood for patients who need it. The center works on a local level,

Graham said.

"People that donate to us here in Hoke County will actually go back to our patients at Cape Fear Valley Health and Hoke hospital," she said.

Donors might even save their own lives: if they later need a transfusion, they might even get their own blood back as it lasts 52 days in storage, Graham said. Otherwise, each pint of blood can save up to three lives.

The expo featured door prizes, a homemade lunch with proceeds going to the North Carolina Poultry Festival and demonstrations from several participants.

Liberty Tax employee Johnathan Loyd dressed up in his Statue of Liberty costume at his company's booth. He's one of the employees Hoke residents may have seen dancing and twirling a sign during tax season.

"To be out there dancing is kind of fun — you get to see everyone's smiles and you try to get them to come in. It's a fun environment, you can come and get your taxes done," he said.

American Red Cross life support coordinator Dan Palladino attended to demonstrate CPR and the use of an automated defibrillator. The American Red Cross provides CPR and first aid training for the public and by request for businesses that want to set up a class for their employees.

CPR is a lifesaving measure that can keep people alive long enough for medical professionals to arrive on the scene, Palladino said.

"CPR is the most important thing we can do for a person who goes into cardiac arrest. Even with our advanced providers, anything they can do doesn't matter if we're not doing good CPR," he said.

The automated defibrillator devices are also an important tool, and they're becoming more widespread in places like police stations, fire departments and even in public buildings. They're designed to be so easy to operate that even someone with no medical background can use them.

"All of them are marked for anatomical positions so they are really meant for anybody to be able to pick one of these devices up, get it hooked up to the patient, be able to use it without any instruction," he said, while demonstrating how the device gives verbal instructions on how to connect the electrodes.

The event also awarded prizes for the best-designed booths. The Hoke County Reading/Literacy Council and Hoke County Schools tied for first place, while Raeford Fields apartments came in second and Liberty Home Care and Hospice Service came in third. Open Arms retirement home won the "best newcomer" award.

The \$1 at the door donation for admission will go to the Raeford-Hoke Museum.

For disclosure purposes: News-Journal staff writer Catharin Shepard is a member of the Board of Directors of the Raeford-Hoke County Chamber of Commerce.

# Manning

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measures for superintendents, principals and teachers.

The hearing will also give the court the chance to review the test results from the 2013-14 End of Course, End of Grade and ACT exams. The preliminary results "indicate that in way too many districts across the state, thousands of children in the public schools have failed to obtain, and are not now obtaining a sound basic education as defined by and required by the Leandro decisions," according to Manning's order for the hearing.

Some of the test results are "dismal," Manning wrote.

The judge additionally noted he plans to schedule another hearing after the April meeting, and that he will require state officials to prove that the state has taken action to "correct educational deficiencies" among students.

"No matter how many times the court has issued notices of hearings and orders regarding unacceptable academic performance, and even after the North Carolina Supreme Court plainly stated that the mandates of Leandro remain in full force

and effect, many adults involved in education, educators and school board members and others, still seem unable to understand that the constitutional right to have an equal opportunity to obtain a sound basic education is a right vested in each and every child in North Carolina regardless of their respective age or educational needs," Manning wrote in the order.

The hearing will take place at the Wake County courthouse.

This marks the second time this year that Manning ordered a hearing on the Leandro case.



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## HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

Thursday, April 16, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care,  
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National Healthcare Decisions Day exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. National Healthcare Decisions Day is an initiative that encourages patients to express their wishes regarding health care and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be.

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Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m. or Tuesday, April 21, 6 p.m., Shadowlawn Room at Clara McLean House, 20 FirstVillage Drive, Pinehurst.

This program is designed to introduce prospective patients to the FirstHealth Bariatric Center at Moore Regional Hospital and to 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 toll free (800) 213-3284 or visit us at our website at [www.NCWeightLossSurgery.org](http://www.NCWeightLossSurgery.org).

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## DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A DENTIST?

If your child has Medicaid or Health Choice, he or she may be eligible to receive care at FirstHealth Dental Care.

Same-day appointments are available for new patients; Saturday appointments also available.

For more information, call (910) 904-7450. Located at 314 Teal Drive, Raeford.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed at our Moore Regional Hospital - Hoke Campus!

We are looking for reception volunteers to meet, greet and escort patients and visitors. This is an active job that involves great customer service skills!

If you are interested, please contact our Volunteer Services office at (910) 715-1266 or email us at [cstrother@firsthealth.org](mailto:cstrother@firsthealth.org) to learn more. When contacting us, please specify that you wish to volunteer on our Moore Regional Hospital - Hoke Campus.



- Moore Regional Hospital-Hoke Campus
- Family Medicine
- FirstHealth Fitness
- Outpatient Rehabilitation
- Dental Care

- FirstHealth Convenient Care
- Home Care
- FirstHealth Response
- Diabetes and Nutrition Education
- Smoking Cessation Program
- Specialty Center

- Back & Neck Pain
- Wound Care & Hyperbarics

In Hoke, For Hoke



# HE LIVES!

**Antioch Presbyterian Church**

*Palm Sunday*  
 Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.

*Easter Sunday*  
 Sunrise Service 7 a.m.  
*breakfast to immediately follow*  
 Worship Service 11 a.m.

6582 Red Springs Road

*Rejoice!*  
 He has risen.

*Easter Sunrise Service*

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m.*  
*Outdoor Service with the Lord's Supper*  
*Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service*  
*Cantata at 11 a.m.*

**Pittman Grove Baptist Church**  
 4921 Pittman Grove Church Road  
 (910) 875-5045 for information

**Easter Celebration**

**April 4 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

- Easter Egg Hunt • Cake Walks • Hot Dogs
- Games • Resurrection Eggs

**Pittman Grove Baptist Church**  
 4921 Pittman Grove Church Road  
 (910) 875-5045 for information

**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
**6:15 a.m.**

*Community Sunrise Service*

Rockfish Camp & Retreat Center  
 226 Camp Rockfish Road  
 Parkton  
 (Intersection of Arabia Road & Davis Bridge Road)

Hosted by  
 Sandy Grove & Parker  
 United Methodist Churches

**EASTER**

Special 8 Services

**Easter Sunday, April 5th Service Times**

**Every Hour on the Hour!**

7:00am | 8:00am | 9:00am | 10:00am | 11:00am  
 12:00pm | 1:00pm | 2:00pm

Rockfish Church

9949 Fayetteville Road | Raeford, NC | 910-875-5680 | RockFishChurch.com

**Raeford United Methodist Church**

308 North Main Street  
 Raeford, NC 28376  
 (910)875-2111  
 www.raefordumc.org

Please join us for our Holy Week Services:  
 Maunday Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm  
 Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm  
 Sunrise Service, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am  
 Easter Service, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

**Heaven's Lighthouse Inspirational Bible Bookstore**

111 West Elwood Ave.  
 Raeford, NC 28376  
 910-479-1472  
 Email: www.heavenslighthousebookstore@gmail.com

Monday-Friday  
 10:30 am to 5:30pm  
 Saturday  
 10:30 am to 3pm

*"Let Us Supply Your Spiritual & Money Needs"*

**SOLIDROCK**  
 UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

JOIN US FOR GREAT  
 SINGING & PREACHING ON...

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:6*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

11:00AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:45AM ~ PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Pastor Frank Doublin  
 1430 N. MAIN STREET, RAEFORD, NC  
 910-875-3188

**Easter Communion Service**

**Sunday, April 5 5 p.m.**

**Dundarrach Community Church**

You, your family & friends are cordially invited!

**Dr. Ray Harris, Pastor**

**Easter Ham Dinner Following Service**

**Word of Life Temple, Inc.**

1988 Fayetteville Rd  
 Raeford, NC  
 (910) 875-6990

Bishop Dr. James O. Cunningham,  
 B.R.E./D.D. Pastor

**Special Praise Dances on Resurrection Sunday!**

Sunday School 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. every Sunday  
 Worship Service 11 a.m. every Sunday  
 Intercessory Prayer 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday  
 Sunday 9 - 9:30 a.m. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
 Early Morning Prayer 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. every Sunday  
 Bible Study, Wednesday 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Joy Night Praise Service 7 p.m. every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday night  
 Men & Women Fellowship 6 p.m. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night  
 Youth Sunday 11 a.m. - every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**My Father's House Christian Discipleship Ministries**

*Pastors, Bishop Vincent & Prophetess Tomeka Bratcher*

1085 E. Central Ave Raeford, NC

Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am  
 Tuesday Adult/Youth Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

Teaching & Equipping Ordinary People to Live & Win Souls for the Kingdom of God!

