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Agency lifts FirstHealth sanction

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A month after FirstHealth of the Carolinas learned it was in danger of losing Medicare and Medicaid funding due to a fire in an operating room that burned a patient, the oversight agency has

announced it is lifting the potential sanction.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) lifted the "immediate jeopardy" status on FirstHealth Moore Regional and Richmond Memorial hospitals operated by FirstHealth of the Carolinas, according to a state-

ment from the hospital system.

"CMS completed its validation survey of the hospitals today. The immediate jeopardy was lifted, and no deficiencies or findings were noted in the survey," officials said in a press release.

The team was "very complimentary" of FirstHealth's staff

and processes, according to FirstHealth of the Carolinas Chief Executive Officer David Kilarski.

"The physicians, staff and leadership team immediately implemented policy changes and trained staff related to fire prevention procedures during surgical cases," he said. "Our highest pri-

ority continues to be the safety of our patients and staff and delivering the highest quality of care in the region."

The agency placed FirstHealth's hospital facilities under immediate jeopardy status after learning of an incident involving a patient (See *FIRSTHEALTH*, page 4A)



Car goes airborne

This SUV hit an embankment at Bethel Road near Wallace McLean Road Saturday night, and according to a witness, went airborne before crashing into railroad tracks and flipping into a field. The driver, unidentified at press time, was partially pinned beneath the vehicle, and was taken by helicopter to a hospital. (Ken MacDonald photos)



Turkey Festival returns for 29th year

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer



Yes, Raeford, there is going to be a Turkey Festival – even after the House of Raeford changed its emphasis to chicken production.

The North Carolina Turkey Festival returns next week to kick off the 29th year of friends, food and entertainment in Raeford, and the House of Raeford continues to support the endeavor despite getting out of the turkey business. (See *TURKEY FESTIVAL*, page 4A)

Stolen truck crashes, driver faces charges



Robinson

The Hoke Sheriff's Department charged a Fayetteville man with breaking into cars on Cypress Drive in Raeford Friday after he led them on a high-speed chase into Cumberland County.

Jeffrey R. Robinson Jr., 24, of 315 Maloney Avenue, Fayetteville was charged with multiple counts of breaking and entering into vehicles, conspiracy and possession of a stolen vehicle, according to a department release.

Hoke Sheriff Hubert Peterkin says someone called August 30 to report cars being broken into along Cypress Drive, and when officers arrived, they spotted a truck (See *CHASE*, page 4A)

Hobby photographer wins \$175 grand prize

Candace Pierce was determined to get a good photo of her children splashing in the family's backyard pool in Raeford, and ended up taking home the grand prize in The News-Journal's Oh Snap

summer photo contest.

Pierce, who serves as the internet technology director for Hoke County government, snapped the winning shot of Thomas, 9, and Addison, 7, in July and submitted it for the contest. It was the first photography contest she had ever entered, but photography is a longtime favorite hobby.

"My kids hate it because I take pictures of them all

the time," she said.

The family spends a lot of time in their backyard pool during the summer months, and this year Pierce decided it was time to try her hand at underwater photography. Shooting with her usual Canon digital camera, she found a special piece of equipment to protect the camera and allow her to shoot underwater.

"It's kind of like a glorified ziplock bag to make it waterproof," she said.

It took several tries of directing her children to get the shot she wanted. The

photo she ended up submitting to the Oh Snap contest (See *WINNER*, page 6A)



Candace Pierce took this prize-winning photo of her children in a swimming pool. She became The News-Journal's Oh Snap summer snapshot contest champion.

Longtime Jordan Clinic closing

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

One of the oldest continuously operating doctor's offices in Raeford is permanently closing its doors next week, according to

FirstHealth of the Carolinas.

The Jordan Clinic on Campus Avenue, founded and operated for many years by the late Dr. Riley Jordan, will close Thursday, September 12, the hospital system said in a (See *CLINIC*, page 4A)

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OTHER STUFF

By KEN MACDONALD

For two months I've been reading "The Real George Washington" by Jay A Parry, recommended by my father, and I'm approaching the halfway point. It's a high school-level book, say the reviewers, so I guess I should have finished long before now, but every few pages brings a new revelation for this boy who was taught U.S. History, first at Upchurch Jr. High and then at Hoke High by "Okay, class, read chapter six today, and answer the questions at the end of the chapter." (I hope that today's kids don't learn history this way.) I suspect I was studying Janet's hair the day my high school class read the chapter on the Revolutionary War, for instance, because somehow I missed that it began a year BEFORE the Declaration of Independence and continued seven years afterwards.

Another reason it's taking so long is I have to constantly (See *OTHER STUFF*, page 6A)

VIEWPOINTS

Should be way to more speedily cut power

After Willie Ross apparently passed out while driving a Raeford garbage truck August 23 and crashed into a utility pole, he woke up to find himself trapped in a truck that was wrapped in live electrical lines. Though he was injured, there didn't seem to be much rescuers could do to free him until someone shut off the power.

A call was placed to Duke Progress and help was sent, but because the nearest available person was in Moore County, some 40 minutes passed before help arrived.

Emergency officials say such wrecks don't happen often—where people are trapped in vehicles by live power lines—but when it happens, the victims find themselves waiting, injured or not.

More frequent than traffic entrapments are house fires, which leave firemen waiting for crews to kill power and remove meters. It's not uncommon for firemen

to wait for one power company to arrive, only to find the house is actually served by a different company, and the wait game starts over, because workers from one company won't touch the equipment of another.

Surely in this day and age of mutual aid agreements, companies can work something out. Perhaps workers responding to electrical crises can be issued red lights to expedite their journey from another county (though how many people pull over for them?).

A Duke spokesperson said the company tries to have its staff scattered around the state to minimize the time. Maybe because of Hoke's increasing population it's time to again put a crew here to shorten response time. In the days of CP&L there was such a person, for many years, and there were many grateful people when he came out to help, even if off duty.

I admit it, I'm an audio snob

It is amazing to me just how different people can be. Each person has his own unique perspective and processes information from the world in different ways. This was recently emphasized at home when, after completing the day's outside work, I decided to float in the pool. Charlotte had beaten me there by a few minutes and was listening to music using her latest convenience, a small cube-like speaker that works in conjunction with her iPod and smartphone. This thing is about the size of a pound of butter and packs quite a punch for such a small size. The smartphone can stream radio from the internet through this cube, which is pretty convenient.

As I settled onto my float, I soon realized that there was distortion coming from the speaker. Here is where the problem arose. I can't stand distortion! I have spent my entire life avoiding distortion. It grates on me and eliminates all enjoyment that the music might otherwise convey. I immediately complained about it and that was the end of a potentially enjoyable float. Charlotte insisted that it did not bother her at all. She hadn't even noticed it until I muddied up the waters of the pool with my observation. At this point her groove was shattered. My groove was shattered because



Frog Holler Philosopher
Ron Huff

hers was shattered and all because of the differences in perception of two people. I often wonder what the owner is thinking when I hear a car system that is not only very loud but also rattles and distorts. This drives me crazy! If I was ever captured and tortured for some information, I would spill the beans if they made me listen to distorted music.

I proudly admit that the reproduction of music is one area in which I am actually refined. I began to cultivate my taste for this the first time I heard music played on quality audio equipment in the late sixties. I don't know if this is because I am a musician, or if I am a musician because of my discerning ear. I have spent my life acquiring audio equipment that passes my requirements. I don't pay much attention to background music and I can't read or study with music going on. It demands my full attention or none at all.

This insistence on good sound does have its downside as the pool incident demonstrates. It has caused me to forego, at least so far, the revo-

lution of portable listening devices. These began with the Walkman cassette devices decades ago and are now as common as cell phones. I will cave on this eventually because of the incredible versatility and diminutive size of these things, but will tend to use them played through other devices. Why so out of touch, you might ask? It's the earphones! I have never felt comfortable with these small earphones and have always greatly missed the bass (and more) that they fail to reproduce. They don't want to stay snugly in my ears. I know that some sound really great and that they are very acceptable if they are properly fitted and stay in place—but I am an audio snob! I admit it. Rather than endure the poor reproduction, I just limit my listening to vehicles and the house where I, until recently, controlled the audio.

Although things keep getting smaller, cheaper and more convenient, there is no substitute for quality and size in some cases. I just got my hands on a set of speakers that I have coveted for over 40 years. They weigh one hundred and seventy five pounds each and have added a new dimension to my quest for sound. The sound is so full that I sometimes feel that I am at a performance. Try getting that out of a little cube. More later.

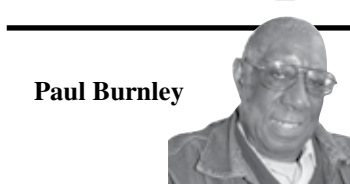


'Your yard is better kept than mine!'

The Trayvon Martin case has brought more attention to the racism in this country than the Rodney King case did years ago. This is strange, because in many ways, the decision by the jury in this case had very little to do with race. The decision was based on the way the evidence was presented to the jury. The way the "Stand Your Ground" law was written, there was no other verdict that could have been reached.

Almost every incident that occurs that involved a person of color and a white person is thought of as a racial incident, when many are caused by a lack of understanding. The one main cause of many misunderstandings is the fact that in this country where there is to be social equality, a very small percentage of white America has any social interaction with minorities.

I have worked the majority of my adult life in situations where I was in the minority of my fellow workers. On many occasions I was the only minority in the office. Over the years I developed a close "working" relationship with some of my fellow workers. We took breaks together and had



Paul Burnley

lunch almost every working day, but as far as socializing outside the working area, there were a very few who accepted my invitations to visit my home or invited me to their home.

In this country in the north or south, there are a very small percentage of whites that have ANY social interaction with minorities. This is where the misunderstanding occurs. Most people in this country, white as well as minorities, judge by what they see or hear in the media or from bad experiences that have been told to them by others. There are few who have had actual social contact with members of a different race or culture.

The few that are exposed to races and cultures other than their own come away enlightened. There were a few in my office that accepted my invitations to visit my home and meet my wife. In many ways it was embarrassing to me that these people, many of

whom had a number of degrees, were so uninformed and ignorant. I lived in the suburbs. Some were surprised that minorities lived in such nice neighborhoods. One remarked, "Your lawn is nicer and better kept than mine."

I had a finished basement, complete with a wet bar, which came as a surprise to many of the whites that came to visit. After awhile there were some who camped out at our home on weekends, once they found that there was no difference in our ambitions, wants and desires. I was once told by one of my co-workers, "I thought 'you people' were different, but you are just like us." He seemed embarrassed when I answered, "Why would you think that because I am not white I wouldn't want the same for my family as you would for yours—a nice home in a nice safe neighborhood, and a good college education for my son, etc.?"

Racism is a sickness that has grown and spread like a cancer in this country, and it will take the efforts of a great amount of citizens to change the attitudes.

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Now, what about the gas tax?

By SCOTT MOONEYHAM
Capitol Press Association

As legislators approved major changes to the state's tax code this summer, some spoke about the legislation being only the first step to rework North Carolina's tax structure.

In political circles, the talk elicited plenty of skepticism.

Lawmakers had already expended plenty of political capital in pushing through the changes that were approved.

The Republican majority was pilloried by the left for deciding on changes that looked more like a tax cut than significant, structural reform; business and interest groups had pushed back and fought off some proposals for more substantial, foundational changes; within their own party, Republicans were left with bruised egos and scars.

That left plenty of political observers concluding that legislators would want no part of another round of tax overhaul anytime soon.

They may have no choice. While characterizing the larger tax structure in the state as broken,

legislators did not address the part of the state's taxing framework that is really threatening to break down—the gas tax.

North Carolina's gas tax is a dedicated tax. It goes toward road construction and maintenance, and not into the general operating budget. The gas tax funds 70 percent of all road building and maintenance.

So, for the state to have the necessary money to build and repair roads, it needs an ever-expanding pool of revenue to deal with a growing population traveling the state's roads and to keep up with inflation.

The problem is exacerbated by the population shift to urban centers, meaning that those areas' transportation needs grow even faster than the general population increase.

The move by Gov. Pat McCrory and state lawmakers to rework the state's formula for allocating road-building dollars should help and was sorely needed.

But as Bruce Sicheloff of The News & Observer of Raleigh reports, those changes will not be enough because of declining fuel consumption as cars become more fuel efficient or don't use gas at all.

A presentation to the state Board of Transportation showed that motor fuel use in North Carolina peaked in 2006-07 and has been declining since.

Rising gas prices have surely helped to mitigate the effects of that declining fuel consumption, as the rate of the gas tax resets every six months based on the average pump price.

According to the presentation, state lawmakers expect the slide in fuel consumption to be reversed as the economy improves and more trucks hauling goods hit the road. But Mark Foster, the Department of Transportation's chief financial officer, told board members that by 2018 the downward slide of less fuel consumption will have taken hold for good.

Obviously, that is good news for consumers and the environment.

It demands, though, that state leaders figure out a new path to raise revenue for roads and transportation.

With all the heavy lifting done to pass the larger tax overhaul, the looming question is whether they have the strength left to fix transportation taxes.

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TODAY'S HOMEWORK (Notes on Education)

"The greatest threat to America's economic, military, and national security comes from no foreign enemy but from our failure to invest in healthy and educated children regardless of their lottery of birth."

— Marian Wright Edelman, president, Children's Defense Fund in "Ready for School?"

"Most of us end up with no more than five or six people who remember us. Teachers have thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives."

— Andy Rooney

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, the excitement, and the mystery of the world we live in."

— Rachel Carlson

"I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit."

— John Steinbeck

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Obituaries

Lula M. Shaw

Lula Mae Shaw, 73, of 946 Mockingbird Hill Road died Wednesday, August 28, 2013.

Survivors include her sons, Michael and Keith; her daughters, Deborah Sanders, Sharon McPhaul and Tiffany; a sister, Susanna Thompson; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 4 in Silver Grove Missionary Baptist Church.



Nellie G. Hernandez

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(Sweet Sugar Bone) Nellie Graham Hernandez, 74, of Fayetteville died Monday, September 1, 2013 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

She was born September 16, 1938 in Hoke County to the late Neal Woodrow Graham and Mary Lee Bruce Graham.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Bruce Graham, Billy Graham, and Tony Graham; her sister, Portia (Peggy) Graham; and her son, Wesley Wilkes. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Raeford. She was also affiliated with Jesus First Church of Fayetteville. She retired as an industrial engineer with Burlington in Raeford.

Survivors include her husband, Tony Hernandez of Fayetteville. She was an awesome and loving mother to her five children—two sons, Ed Wilkes and wife Melody of Atlanta, and Joe Wilkes of Wilmington; two daughters, Martha Brigman and husband Harold of Fayetteville, and Mary

Beth Zaccheus and husband Manuel of Hope Mills; and an awesome grandmother to her nine grandchildren, Danny, Conner, Christopher, Steven, Wes and wife Lauren, Manuel, Charles, Angelina, and Samantha. She is also survived by three precious great-grandchildren, Natalie, Alexia, and Aubrie.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 4 at Hillcrest Baptist Church with pastors Toby Neal and Gary Leviner officiating. Interment will be in the Raeford Cemetery.



Josephine S. Parker

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Josephine Sarah Parker, 90, of Raeford died Thursday, August 29, 2013 at FirstHealth Hospice House in Pinehurst.

She was born on November 6, 1922 in Washington County, Pennsylvania to the late Frank and Sophie Steklacic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Freeman Parker Sr. and her son, George Freeman Parker Jr. She was a member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her son, Bobby W. Parker (Jackie) of Raeford; her daughter, Candice M. Clark (Stan), a granddaughter, Kelly Culp (Jim), and a great-grandson, Mason Culp, all of Austin, Texas.

A funeral mass was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 3 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Raeford.

Interment will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 5 in Cheltenham Veteran's Cemetery,

Cheltenham, Maryland.

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



Gabrielle Brown

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Gabrielle Francis Lee Brown, 24, of Raeford died Monday, August 26, 2013 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born on February 11, 1989 in Hinesville, Georgia. She formerly attended Sandhills Community College where she was working to obtain a business degree prior to her illness. She loved and cherished her three beautiful daughters. She loved butterflies and flowers. She was a member of Rivers of Living Water Church of God in Fayetteville.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin Brown; three daughters, Olivia Nicole Brown, Cailey Morgan Brown, and Isabella Marie Brown, all of the home; her parents, Clifford Davis and Parrish Davis of Raeford; two sisters, Tara Diane Strickland of Aynor, South Carolina and Ashley Ann Renee Cochran of Raeford; her grandmother, Sonja Carte of Huntington, West Virginia; two nieces, Abigail and Emmalyn Strickland; and many other family members and friends.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Thursday, August 29 at Rivers of Living Water Church of God in Fayetteville with Pastor Paul Keeter officiating. Burial was at Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Raeford.

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

District Court

Recent cases heard in Hoke County District Criminal Court: **Aug. 27**

- Judge John H. Horne, presiding
- Jonathan Wade Adams, 31, 210 E. Lionfish Court, Fayetteville, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs; speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, voluntary dismissal
- Michael Antwan Barrett, 28, 608 Green St., Raeford, disorderly conduct, three days in jail, credit for three days served
- William Monroe Bratcher, 60, 604 Saunders St., Raeford, driving while license revoked, 120 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$200 fine and court costs, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same; failure to stop at stop sign or flashing red light, voluntary dismissal
- Yashica Navora Bratcher, 35, 367 W. Palmer St., Raeford, driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$200 fine and court costs, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, may be transferred to unsupervised probation upon payment of all fines, fees and costs
- Teana Marie Cartrette, 32, 110 Overton Road, Raeford, communicating threats, resisting public officer, 120 days suspended, 18 months probation, \$100 fine and court costs, serve split jail time within 120 days of sentence, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, not to go on or about the property of Hoke County High School, judgments consolidated; disorderly conduct on school grounds, voluntary dismissal
- Hillary Cheyenne Carver,

19, 3118 Arabia Road, Raeford, misdemeanor larceny, prayer for judgment, court costs

- Taji Rashad Elliott, 34, 6526 Portsmouth Drive, Fayetteville, driving while license revoked, 120 days suspended, 18 months probation, \$200 fine and court costs, attorney and court-appointment fees, serve split jail sentence, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same
- Stephon Lamont Ellis, 20, 132 Tripe St., Raeford, carrying concealed gun, prayer for judgment, court costs, destruction order for weapon; removal or alteration of NMV serial number, voluntary dismissal
- Gary Kemal Felton, 31, 756 Center Road, Elizabethtown, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 ounce, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Albert Clinton Gilbert, 25, 4702 Blanchard Road, St. Pauls, driving while license revoked, expired registration card or tag, 21 days in jail, credit for 21 days served, judgments consolidated
- Rodney Devon Gremillion, 29, 1420 District Circle B, Fayetteville, driving while impaired, Level 4, 60 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs, credit for 48 hours in jail, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, obtain substance abuse assessment; driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine and court costs, credit for 48 hours in jail, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, obtain substance abuse assessment and follow any recommended treatment; driving while license revoked, 45 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, court costs
- Fermin Hernandez-Aranda, 34,

2994 Hilltop Road, Red Springs, no operator's license, \$25 fine and court costs; failure to wear seat belt by driver, voluntary dismissal

- ShamiaJaneeHolmes, 32, 7008 Radnor St., Fayetteville, driving while license revoked, failure to reduce speed, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$210 fine and court costs, judgments consolidated
- Mirella Sanchez Juarez, 33, 902 Forest Hills School Road, Marshville, no operator's license, court costs
- Marcus Hailey Labonis, 29, 297 Conolly Road, Shannon, failure to stop at stop sign or red light, court costs
- Demetrius Jessie McGeachy, 28, 2916 Donegal Drive, Raeford, driving while license revoked, possession of open container/consuming alcohol in passenger area, 45 days suspended, 12 months probation, \$200 fine and court costs, attorney and court-appointment fees, not to operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed, not to use or possess any controlled substances, submit to warrantless searches, random tests for same, judgments consolidated
- Damien Christopher Osborn, 23, 5712 Parkton Road, Hope Mills, driving while license revoked, 30 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$200 fine and court costs
- Casey Oxendine, 18, 313 Von St., Lumberton, resisting public officer, prayer for judgment, court costs, defendant to have license returned to her
- Contessa Nicole Purcell, 36, 5846 Aftonshire St., Fayetteville, failure to reduce speed, \$15 fine and court costs; no operator's license, voluntary dismissal
- Marcus Wade Thomas, 40, 1156 Arran Circle, Fayetteville, failure to wear seat belt by driver, court costs.

Man from Raeford killed at Fayetteville club

A man from Raeford was shot dead last week when he was caught in the crossfire between two or more unknown suspects, according to the Fayetteville Police Department.

Derrick Morrissey, 37, of the 100 block of McDiarmid Road in Raeford was killed Friday night while reportedly walking a woman to her

car outside Chief's 25 Plus Club on Rowan Street in Fayetteville. The gunfire was exchanged between individuals in two separate vehicles, and Morrissey was an innocent bystander, according to police.

Morrissey was reportedly shot one time in the torso and died at the scene. The shooting happened shortly after

2 a.m., according to reports.

Authorities are searching for suspects in the shooting. One of the vehicles was reportedly a black SUV, while the other was a silver Honda passenger car. Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Fayetteville police at 433-1856.

Police Blotter

Raeford Police reported the following recent incidents:

- August 27**
 Trespassing agreement, 1300 block of Fulton Street
 Communicating threats, 200 block of East Fifth Avenue, victim

Jamelle Angelo Leak

- August 29**
 Hit and run, driving while intoxicated, West Palmer Road near West Prospect Avenue, victims Jacqueline McNair Gillis and State of North Carolina. Police charged Larry Lide,

51, of the 100 block of Heron Drive in Raeford.

Order for arrest (failure to appear on a shoplifting/possession of stolen goods charge), fictitious information to a law enforcement officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, North Dickson Street at West 6th Avenue, victim State of North Carolina. Police charged Dorothy Jones McNeill, 49, of the 500 block of West Donaldson Avenue.

August 30
 Larceny, breaking and entering a

motor vehicle, 100 block of Meadows Lane, victim Annita Dwicina McGilvary

Larceny, breaking and entering a motor vehicle, 700 block of Green Street, victim Wali Abdul Shareet

Breaking and entering a motor vehicle, 300 block of West 8th Avenue, victim Toni Caruso

Larceny, breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, 300 block of West 8th Avenue, victim Christopher Murchison

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Pastor Leggett and the St. Matthew Church Family invite you to attend the following services:

Sunday, September 8, 2013
 11 a.m. morning service - Elder A.O. K. Robinson, Sermon "A MINISTRY OF HEALING AND DELIVERANCE"

Saturday, September 14, 2013
 50th Birthday Celebration for Pastor Leggett
 RSVP before 9/12/2013 by calling 910 964-2028 to attend

Sunday, September 15, 2013
 11 a.m. morning service - Elder Bonita Thomas, Sermon Family and Friends Day -- Special Guests: The Mt. Calvary Church Family and Choir

Sunday, September 22, 2013
 10 a.m. - Learning Academy

Sunday, September 29, 2013
 11 a.m. morning service - Hit It and Quit It!
 Watch it - Have you lost your mind?
 Speakers: Evangelist Denora & Bro. Robert Goodman, Minister Donna Brown, Rev. Curtis McLean, Elder AOK and Bishop Zap Robinson

Precinct judges appointed

The Hoke County Board of Elections appointed precinct judges at a meeting August 20. Appointments are made on the recommendations from each political party and are for two-year terms. Appointed were:

Allendale—William Roger Dial, chief judge; Norman Robert Dubreuil, Republican judge; Verline McNeill Thomas, Democrat judge

Antioch—Glays Fray Locklear, chief judge; Crage Stevenson Henderson, Republican judge; Kiquila McNeill, Democrat judge

Blue Springs—Brian Simmie Banks, chief judge; Elda Gary Thacker, Republican judge; Daphne Graham Dudley, Democrat judge

Buchan—Marshall Gerard Weidner, chief judge; Glenda Mar-

tin Glockner, Republican judge; Geneva Joy Gillis, Democrat judge

McCain—Edward White Crutchfield, chief judge; Arzelle Lyons Brock, Republican judge; Bertha Baucom Creed, Democrat judge

Puppy Creek—Emily Adrienne Weidner, chief judge; Daryl Lee Gurnes, Republican judge; Florine Fleming-Galloway, Democrat judge

Rockfish—Merry Ahti Perry, chief judge; James Bradley, Republican judge; Norma Jeanne Campbell, Democrat judge

Stonewall—Christopher John Byrne, chief judge; Donna Gomez Davis, Republican judge; Democrat judge (none listed)

Wayside—Ronald Alfred Hartman, chief judge; James Wesley Wadsworth, Republican judge; Ann

Ross, Democrat judge

Raeford #1—Joan Phipps Baker, chief judge; Miriam Ropp McNeill, Republican judge; Cathy White James, Democrat judge

Raeford #2—Joyce Bartrug-Banks, chief judge; Diane Snipes Brown, Republican judge; Flossie Davis Henderson, Democrat judge

Raeford #3—Thomas Martin Winkler, chief judge; Jeff Dean Games, Republican judge; Blanche Lee Farmer, Democrat judge

Raeford #4—Eddie Hurley Allen, chief judge; Shirley Barefoot Warfield, Republican judge; Marion Lee Wade, Democrat judge

Raeford #5—Gwendolyn McIntyre Quick, chief judge; Robert Warren Wilson, Republican judge; Darlene Kelly Gates, Democrat judge

Sheriff Blotter

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

August 23
 Breaking and entering, larceny, 100 block of Tulane Drive
 Breaking and entering, larceny, 5200 block of Turnpike Drive
 Larceny of a motor vehicle, 300 block of Poole Road
 Injury to personal property, simple assault, 100 block of Mosswood Drive
 Fraud, 4500 block of Fayetteville Road
 Larceny, 200 block of St. James Street
 Driving while intoxicated, Laurinburg Drive

August 24
 Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, larceny, 1400 block of Hobson Road
 Larceny, 4500 block of Fayetteville Road
 Assault on a female, 100 block of Pelican Lane
 Runaway juvenile, communicating threats, injury to personal property, 600 block of Gatlin Farm Road
 Assault on a female, 200 block of Palmer Farm Road
 Larceny, 1500 block of North Main Street
 Larceny, 7300 block of Rockfish Road

Injury to real property, 4200 block of Old Maxton Road
 Larceny, 4800 block of Pittman Grove Church Road
 Larceny, second-degree trespassing, aiding and abetting larceny, 6200 block of Philippi Church Road
 Assault on a female, 1300 block of Hobson Road
 Attempted larceny, 200 block of Tin Creek Road
 Breaking and entering, larceny from a motor vehicle, All-American Trail

August 25
 Simple assault, assault on a female, 200 block of Quail Drive
 Breaking and entering of motor vehicle, larceny, 4500 block of Fayetteville Road
 Larceny, 200 block of Dockery Road
 Simple assault, 100 block of McDiarmid Street
 Breaking and entering, larceny, 300 block of Dora Lane
 Cruelty to animals, 300 block of Jeff Road

August 26
 Simple assault, 500 block of Rockfish Road

August 27
 Breaking and entering, larceny from a motor vehicle, 4500 block

of Fayetteville Road
 Larceny, 3300 block of Calloway Road
 Injury to real property, 2200 block of North Hilltop Road
 Communicating threats, 500 block of Philippi Church Road
 Fire investigation, 1200 block of Wayside Road

August 28
 Breaking and entering, larceny, 3300 block of Calloway Road
 Simple assault, communicating threats, 100 block of Edwards Road
 Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 100 block of Arrow Court
 Larceny, 10200 block of Fayetteville Road
 Breaking and entering, larceny, 100 block of Joshua Road
 Larceny, 4600 block of Fayetteville Road
 Simple assault, 100 block of Tom McLaughlin Road
 Communicating threats, harassing phone calls, 500 block of Broad Drive
 Assault on a female, injury to real property, 1300 block of Clan Campbell Drive
 Breaking and entering, larceny, 900 block of Strother Road
 Communicating threats, possession of drug paraphernalia, 100 block of Piney Grove Mobile Home Park

Clinic

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 letters sent to clinic patients this week. (Physician assistant) Jorge 'Lu' Caceres has advised FirstHealth that he is resigning his position with the FirstHealth Jordan Clinic to accept a position with another organization in Lumberton, N.C. We thank him for his service to our community, and we wish him well in his new endeavor." FirstHealth Physician Group President Dr. Daniel Barnes said in the letter.

Patient medical records from the Jordan Clinic will be moved to FirstHealth Family Medicine, 313 Teal Drive, in Raeford. Patients who want a copy of their records can contact FirstHealth Family Medicine at 904-2350 after September 12, officials said.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, but we are confident that FirstHealth can continue to meet your healthcare needs with our other local providers during this time and going forward," Barnes said in the letter.

There are several other providers in the county that can provide healthcare for patients of the Jordan Clinic, if patients wish to stay with a FirstHealth provider. The providers at FirstHealth Family Medicine include Dr. Marcus Lowry, Dr. Robert Townsend, physician's assistant Valerie Taylor and nurse practitioner Michael Nissen.

Additionally, FirstHealth plans to open a new Primary Care practice in the specialties building on the campus of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital - Hoke Campus later this fall. For more information about that practice, call 878-6700.

"FirstHealth thanks you for the privilege of serving you at the FirstHealth Jordan Clinic, and we welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you at our other facilities. Mr. Caceres has also asked that I share his sincere thanks to you as well for the trust you placed in him to meet your healthcare needs," Barnes wrote in the letter.

Caceres owns the office space

where the clinic has operated for decades and is putting the property up for sale.

The clinic was originally the family general medicine practice of the late Dr. Riley Jordan, who founded the practice after earning his medical degree from Wake Forest University in 1951. Jordan opened the clinic on July 3, 1952 along with Dr. R. A. Matheson. Several other medical practitioners worked at the clinic over the years, including Dr. Robert F. Jones, who joined the clinic staff in 1955.

Jordan was active in the community, serving in various roles including president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Board of Education. He received the Raeford Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1960 for his service to the community and work as a medical practitioner.

After Jordan died in 2006, the practice remained open. Under Caceres, the practice joined the FirstHealth of the Carolinas system in May of 2011.



A child has a front-row seat for last year's parade. The Festival parade this year is Thursday, Sep. 19.

Turkey Festival

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"Everyone needs to remember the festival was, is and will continue to be a festival that promotes the cultural arts, the larger commodities of our county, a fun family event and an event that shines bright for Raeford-Hoke County and brings many visitors to our county during that week," North Carolina Turkey Festival Director Melissa Pittman said.

Despite stopping production of turkeys, this year the House of Raeford continues supplying the turkeys for multiple Turkey Festival events. The House of Raeford is providing over 1,600 pounds of turkey as well as 48 frozen turkeys to be given to each first-place winner in contests such as the cornhole tournament, 5K ride and bike race, cooking contest and car show. The turkey cooking contest finalists, however, always provide their own turkey to prepare the test meals.

"The cooking contest finalists provide their own turkey to prepare their meals. The festival has never

provided ingredients for the finalists. If they choose to get their turkeys from the House of Raeford, they are able to do so as the slaughter plant has closed but the House of Raeford is still producing and selling product and is still sponsoring the festival in monetary ways and in product," Pittman said.

The House of Raeford is one of two gold-level sponsors, along with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, supporting the festival this year. The poultry producer is also providing some door prizes. Every year the festival organizers send out letters requesting sponsorship support to more than 100 companies and businesses, including other poultry producers besides the House of Raeford. The House of Raeford is still very much involved in the festival, but there are many other area business that also support the annual event, Pittman said.

"I am proud of the sponsors from Hoke County and surrounding areas who continue to support the NC Turkey Festival. This year there are 48

sponsors who have given a monetary donation and 20 businesses that gave in-kind donations," she said.

This year's festival offers several new activities and attractions.

"It is going to be an awesome and huge festival," Pittman said. "As of today, we have 36 arts and crafts vendors, 20 food vendors, plus commercial and information vendors, totaling 105 vendors."

Next year will see the community celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Turkey Festival, though right now the committee is focused on putting on this year's events, Pittman said.

The Turkey Festival will kick off Saturday, September 7 at the PK AirPark with the first annual cornhole tournament. Events will run throughout the week, including the parade set for Thursday, September 19 and the "Super Saturday" day in the park on Saturday, September 21.

For a complete listing and schedule of events, see next week's issue of The News-Journal for the annual Turkey Festival special publication.

FirstHealth

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that took place at Moore Regional Hospital in June. A patient was undergoing what hospital officials described as an "emergency life-saving procedure" in an operating room at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Vapor from a sterilizing fluid ignited and caused a "brief flash fire" that was immediately put out, officials said.

The patient sustained "small first and second-degree burns to the neck and shoulders but no lasting injuries," according to hospital officials. Dr. John Krahnert, chief medical officer for FirstHealth of the Carolinas, said the patient was later

released from the hospital.

"After a thorough investigation, we have determined that the operating room staff responded to the incident appropriately and then successfully continued with the original emergency procedure," Krahnert said in a statement earlier this month.

The hospital system was placed on immediate jeopardy status because Moore Regional operating room staff "failed to follow established safety prevention policies and procedures," according to FirstHealth public relations director Gretchen Kelly. In response to the incident, hospi-

tal operating room staff changed the operating room preparation procedures for emergency cases, Kelly said.

The hospital system put new policies and procedures into place as part of a corrective action plan that was submitted to CMS and approved by that agency, Kelly said.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) defines immediate jeopardy as "a situation in which the provider's noncompliance with one or more requirements of participation has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment or death to a resident."

Chase

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matching the description the witness provided. They chased the Ford F-150 to a residential area of Cumberland County where

it struck a tree. Robinson, the alleged driver, was taken into custody. A passenger escaped and is being sought.

The department says the truck

was reported stolen from a Hoke County resident last week.

Robinson is being held under a \$20,000 secured bond.

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SPORTS

Wild finish, Bucks come up short 40-35

Military Appreciation Night is this Friday

BY HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Bucks took to the road for the second straight week, this time to Indian Trail to take on the Spartans of Sun Valley and their highly recruited running back Albert Funderburk. The junior running back has already received a full scholarship offer from Duke football and other schools looking at the 6'0", 190-lb. junior are Georgia Tech, Clemson, Wake Forest and Tennessee.

On this night, neither team seemed to get the ball rolling early with the halftime score 9-3. In the third quarter, Funderburk came alive and scored on an 85-yard touchdown run. He followed that up with a 92-yard touchdown run

and a 60-yard touchdown run in the fourth.

Hoke had their own scoring big plays when Geoffrey Thompson broke out a 62-yard touchdown run and sophomore Jacob Rushing added two of his own. The Bucks cut the score to 28-23 with four minutes to play when Funderburk broke three tackles on the way to his third touchdown to put the Spartans up 34-23. Hoke answered with the Thompson big run from midfield to bring the Bucks to within five at 29-34. The Spartans drove down again inside Bucks territory and scored on an apparent trap by the receiver in the end zone. Later, video evidence proved the attempt was incomplete. The referee motioned that the catch was made and that gave the Spartans a 40-29 lead. The Bucks did not give

up and drove right back down the field and scored again making it 40-35 but only had about a minute to go. The defense held the Spartans this time and Hoke was able to get one more chance to score but only had 22 second and no timeouts. They got the ball to midfield but could not complete two deep passes and the game ended 40-35 for their second loss to begin the season.

Head Coach Milton Butts praised his team's fight when they were down. "I'm proud of the way our kids never gave up in the game but we have got to get better in the secondary and we have surely got to tackle better," Butts said. "That running back they had, he really knew how to get into the creases of our defense and we just couldn't bring him down."



Brandon McRae takes the handoff from Geoffrey Thompson and breaks a big run off the left hand side of the Bucks offense. Bucks look to rebound this week against 71st.

Funderburk rushed for 322 yards and three touchdowns. Both teams accumulated five touchdowns and 31 points in the final four minutes of the game. This week the Bucks will be home for the first time this season and the welcoming surroundings could make for a better atmosphere; however, the Falcons of Seventy-

First are under a new coach, Duran McLaurin, and he has the Falcons headed in the right direction after a dismal 0-10 season last year. They have a 2-0 record in their first two games, outscoring their opponents 85-21 at Westover and Terry Sanford.

The game Friday night will have a special feel. As always, the

first game of the season at home is Military Appreciation Night at Raz Autry Stadium. Active duty and military retirees with a valid ID will get into the game for free and there will be a special recognition ceremony at the beginning of the game. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. and pre-game activities will begin at 7 p.m.



Jacob Rushing keeps his balance and makes it in the end zone for one of Hoke County High School's touchdowns last Friday night in their loss at Sun Valley. Rushing had 2 touchdowns in game.

Sports Briefs

Rockfish Motor Speedway Results

Legends Class: 1st-Bryan Wright, Rockfish, 2nd-Robert Knowles, Beaver Dam, 3rd-Chad Autry, Rockfish; Micro Sprints: 1st-Brittany Trogden, Grays Creek, 2nd-Gary Jacobsen, Grays Creek, 3rd-Andy Cardinal-Pawleys Island, S.C.; Pro Go Karts: 1st-Duke Layton-Fayetteville (1st win),

2nd-Steve Patterson, Parkton, 3rd-Larry McPherson, Fayetteville, 4th-William Brown, Raeford; Mini Pro Go Karts: 1st-Jake Layton, Fayetteville (7th win), 2nd-Zach Kober, Rowland, 3rd-Levi Brown, Raeford. This weekend: Night race - gates open at 3 p.m.; drivers meet at 5 p.m.; racing starts at 6 p.m. under the lights. \$500 to win Legends and Micros; extra \$150 for Go Karts.

Adult Soccer League

The Hoke High School soccer coach Colin McDavid has organized an adult soccer league, which plays on Sundays from 10 a.m. until about 4 p.m. each week on the Hoke High soccer practice fields behind Buck Alley. For more information or to add a team, contact Coach McDavid at 910-280-1127.

Bayonet at Puppy Creek: The Sunday group winners were Flint Hamilton, David Hodgins, Brian Daniels and Mike Sutton.

Upland Trace: The Saturday "Early Bird" group winners were Tom Batchelor, Lee

Harless, Dixie Musselwhite and Bill Wright. The Saturday "Pack" group winners were Wayne Beasley, Gary Cook, Grady Beasley and Robbie Williams. The Sunday "Early Bird" group winners were Tom Batchelor, Lee Harless, Ray

McLemore and Dixie Musselwhite. The Sunday afternoon group winners with a round of 61 were Chris Long, Jeff Lunsford, Robert Davis and Johnny Boyles. Next tournament: First Baptist Church golf tournament - October 19, 2013.



Diamond Elite team wins championship

The Diamond Elite girls' 10-under fastpitch travel softball team based out of Hoke County won the championship in the 4th Annual Phillip Hayes Memorial Scholarship Tournament August 24 and 25 in Laurinburg. There were nine teams from across eastern North and South Carolina competing in the "A" Bracket (top bracket) and Diamond Elite went undefeated 5-0. The team consists of players from Hoke and surrounding counties and has played 46 games so far this year. They are Alyssa Norton (front row, left to right), Jenna Saunders, Skye Hammond, Abby Dover and Hailey Paig; back row: Coach - Jimmy Saunders, Michelle Repetto, Carlie Myrtle, Bailey Lockwood, Paige Cameron, Haleigh Line, Coach - Jamie Dover.

Just Putting Around

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Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

September 4

Girls Tennis Home vs. South View 4 p.m.
Girls JV Volleyball at E.E. Smith 5 p.m.
Girls V Volleyball at E.E. Smith 6 p.m.
Girls Golf at Richmond 3 p.m.
Cross Country at Scotland 5 p.m.

September 5

Girls Tennis at Scotland 4 p.m.
Girls JV Volleyball Home vs. Richmond 5 p.m.
Girls V Volleyball Home vs. Richmond 6 p.m.
Boys JV Soccer at Lee County

5:30 p.m.
Boys V Soccer at Lee County 7 p.m.
Boys JV Football at 71st 7 p.m.

September 6

Boys V Football Home vs. 71st 7:30 p.m.
(Military Appreciation Night)
September 9
Girls Golf Home vs. Scotland 2 p.m.
Boys V Soccer at St. Pauls 6 p.m.

September 10

Girls Tennis at Purnell Swett 4 p.m.
Girls JV Volleyball Home vs. Lumberton 5 p.m.
Girls V Volleyball Home vs. Lumberton 6:30 p.m.



Brothers on national TV

Two Hoke County brothers will be on national TV this week as Eric Wolff will be playing in the nationally televised ESPN2 game Thursday night as the Winston-Salem State Rams come to UNC Pembroke for their first nationally televised game. Earl Wolff will make his NFL debut on Monday Night Football next Monday as the Philadelphia Eagles take on the Washington Redskins. Both brothers went to East Hoke Middle and Hoke High School.

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Other stuff

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 stop reading to consult maps and check other sources as everything I thought I knew falls like dominoes. For example, these days we go on and on about our superiority, and role in liberating the French in WWII, and we changed "French fries" to "Freedom Fries" when they dropped support for us during the Iraq War, but arguably there would be no United States had not the French come to our rescue in the Revolutionary War. And for their help, they were left with debts so huge some historians say it was a large contributing factor for the French Revolution.

A strain that runs through the book, not written in so many words, is that we-the-people have more influence on our government than we think. Whether well-intentioned or malicious, public opinion and actions affect the machinery of government.

For example, while Washington, who was commanding the Continental Army, was battling the British and up to a third of the colonists who were loyal to the king, many farmers and merchants—on the side of independence—were taking advantage of the situation and selling their crops and wares to the British because they had lots of money, and thereby supplied the enemy's war efforts. This left the Continental soldiers without food and clothes.

It's this failure to see the big picture, what's good for all, what's needed for the common vision that nearly tanked the country again and again as it was being formed.

And don't we see that today?

Are not many corporations focused on their own interests at the expense of the common good? Are politics today not driven by self-interests and single interests?

Do we ourselves not think only of what is best for us, our families and friends?

I wonder what the founding fathers would think after few minutes on the internet, in front of the TV, in a public place—almost in any setting in our culture.

Washington and other framers of the kind of government we now have wrote many times that the morals and "virtues" of the people are foundational in its survival.

At the time Washington presided over the writing of the Constitution,

Ben Franklin wrote, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious they have more need of masters."

And yes, religion plays a role, they believed, particularly of informing morals. "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity," Washington wrote, "religion and morality are indispensable supports... and let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion... Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

This, of course, creates a huge tension today, as your religion may not be mine, and amendments that followed the original Constitution made it clear we can all worship as we please or not at all.

But perhaps in an effort to guard these freedoms, we have failed to preach the values and virtue most of us agree on.

It worries me that we have reduced our public school curriculum, for example, largely to a set of skills as if becoming good citizens (and workers) is all about knowledge. Teaching and practicing character has been reduced to lip service. There's no time to develop the whole person, the informed citizen.

It worries me that we are a nation of cynics, and that TV talking heads, radio hosts, and even ourselves—with Facebook posts and tweets—so easily mock our opponents and contrary views, and that we have lost all sense and form of respect. Liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, Christians and atheists—we are vicious and relentless, and I believe we are slowly, show-by-show, post-by-post, hatefully-said-thing by hatefully-said-thing, selfish act by selfish act, tearing down what Washington and others built and thousands have sacrificed to sustain.

It especially worries me that we continue to let corporations run unrestrained in self-interest with profit as their sole motive. Our energy policy, the wars we fight, even the food we eat, are all dictated by them, without much concern for the common good.

The lesson is this government is on us, and it's maybe a tad fragile. And if it gets torn down, it will likely be by our own hands. ❖

Winner

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wasn't actually her favorite of all the ones taken this summer, she said. Pierce said she took many pictures of varying quality in order to get the winning photo.

"Photography in general is a lot of hit or miss. Quantity begets

quality," she said.

The winning photo still wasn't quite perfect, because her son Thomas kept squinting his eyes shut underwater. Eventually she went with the best of the photos she took, even with his closed eyes.

"I really wanted both of them

to have their eyes open but my son just couldn't get his eyes open," she said.

The family has lived in Raeford for about 15 years, she said.

Pierce is the grand prize winner for the summer, beating out over 200 entries for the top title. This is the second year The

News-Journal has held the Oh Snap photo contest, with weekly prizes for the winners.

Keep an eye out for more contests in the future. The News-Journal thanks everyone for submitting photos and congratulations to the winners.



These are other underwater shots Pierce took but didn't enter.

Juvenile charged with assault

The Hoke Sheriff's Department says a juvenile was charged with assault with a deadly weapon after cutting a passenger on a 4-wheeler at an Antioch convenience store.

The victim, Patsy Oxendine, was reportedly treated at Southeastern Regional Hospital in Lumberton for non-life-threatening injuries.

Oxendine reportedly told officers she and another juvenile had ridden to the Food Mart #4 on the 4-wheeler, and her driver and another youth at the store got in an argument. She said when she and the driver attempted to leave the other youth swung a knife he'd retrieved and cut her.

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A Pre-Bid conference is scheduled for September 17th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hoke County Commissioner's Room at 227 N. Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376. Attendance is not mandatory but strongly encouraged for all bidders.

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 Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas: Charlotte

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Advertisement for Bids

Hoke County • 227 N. Main Street • Raeford, NC 28376

**Separate sealed Bids for the construction of:
 HOKE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER SYSTEM, PHASE
 1B, CONTRACT 2
 GRAVITY SEWER, FORCE MAINS AND
 US401 PUMP STATION**

This project consists of 24" and 30" gravity sewer outfalls, the 16" influent force main to the wastewater treatment plant, miscellaneous 12", 10", and 8" force mains, and a rehabilitation to the US401 pump station.

Bids will be received by Hoke County at the office of Hoke County Commissioner's Room located at 227 N. Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376 until 2:00 pm, (Local Time) October 3rd, 2013, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid conference is scheduled for September 17th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hoke County Council Chamber at 227 N. Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376. Attendance is not mandatory but strongly encouraged for all bidders.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
 Carolinas AGC – plans available at www.cagc.org on IBuild
 FW Dodge /McGraw Hill Dodge
 Minority Economic Development Center: Charlotte
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