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Developers win changes to ordinance Citizen tells commissioners they caved to blackmail

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to approve changes to the county's subdivision ordinance that will allow developers to put houses closer together and use asphalt wedge curbs instead of concrete curbs in some areas.

Developers proposed the changes and an attorney from the Charleston Group, a law firm based out of Fayetteville,

submitted the request. The amendment had been in the works for several months, county planner Robert Farrell said.

"Several months ago, I was approached about making some changes to our ordinance to make it a little more competitive with some of the surrounding counties in terms of our development regulations," he said. "They provided us with a list of some of the things they'd like to see done, and it made a lot of sense. Nothing seemed crazy or outrageous in terms of changes they wanted to

make and nothing seemed to be outside of the scope of what Hoke County wanted for itself, and based on that, we drafted up some language in the technical language of the ordinance and provided that back to them. They looked it over and said that it would meet what they were looking for from a development standpoint."

The county planning board unanimously recommended approving the changes.

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One issue is how close together houses can be built.



A crowd gets a first look at preliminary maps of the project's scope at a hearing last week. (Catharin Shepard photos)



N.C. 211 widening moving forward

Could claim businesses, churches, homes

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A public meeting Thursday afternoon in Raeford allowed North Carolina Department of Transportation officials to speak with residents, hear their concerns and answer their questions about the project to widen N.C. 211.

The widening project, as currently designated, will turn the two-lane road into a four-lane highway with a grass median. The 15.4-mile section of four-lane road would run from US Hwy. 15-501 in Aberdeen to West Palmer Street at West Hoke Middle School in Raeford. The road project has a budget of about \$150 million.

Is it really happening?

After years of rumors and speculation about the widening of 211,

Hoke residents might understandably be uncertain whether to believe the hype. The state conducted a feasibility study on the possibility of widening the road in the 1990s, and local officials promoted the idea for years.

But this isn't a rumor or just a proposal, according to NCDOT project engineer Greg Blakeney.

"It's actually going to happen, the widening is going to happen," he said.

The project was officially announced in late 2015. The project is entered in the database as 5709. The state uses a series of criteria to rank roadwork projects in order of importance, and the N.C. 211 plan was high enough on the list this time to earn the go-ahead.

State officials revisit the list every year, Blakeney said.

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Splash pad designer picked, price tag now \$215k

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A company based in Virginia Beach will build Hoke County's first splash pad, commissioners decided Monday.

The board voted unanimously to hire general contractor Metro GreenScape Inc. of Charlotte and subcontractor Stephan Valentino of Accord Pools LLC to design and install the splash pad.

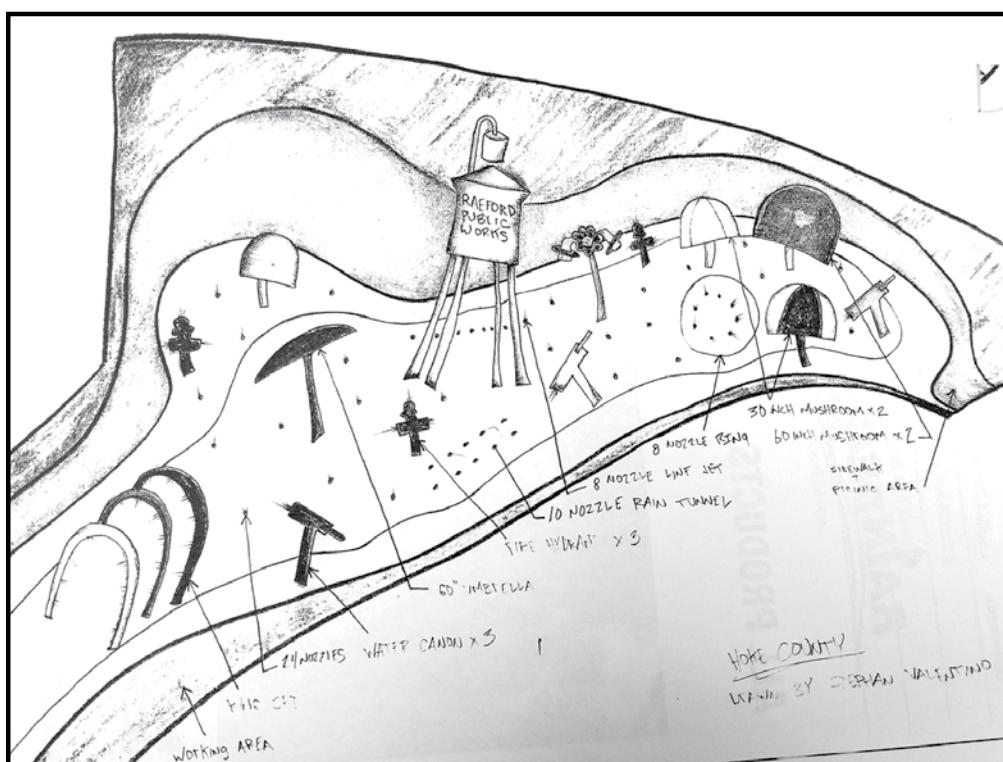
The project went out for bid at a total cost of \$215,000. The early estimates of \$85,000 for the splash pad didn't take into account safety and maintenance features that the water-spraying playground will require, such as landscaping, a septic system and structural housing for the

pumps and chemicals that keep the water clean.

County public buildings director James Tedder reported that Metro GreenScape Inc. offered more features for the money than the one other bidder, CMI Contracting, would provide.

The winning proposal includes more than a dozen different water features, including a water tower, a triple-ring "rain deck" with water jets, a water cannon kids can use to splash each other, a spraying fire hydrant, large "mushrooms" and umbrellas that shoot water and more. The bid also included the cost of the Raindeck shock-absorbent rubberized coating that will keep children from

(See SPLASH PAD, page 9)



It's just a rough sketch, but this is an idea of the features the splash pad will include.

Judges ban tank tops, cell phones, cameras at courthouse

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Two Hoke County judges have decided on a new dress code that also bans cell phones and cameras from the courthouse and courthouse annex, and consequences for breaking the rules can include a \$500 fine and 30 days in jail.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Richard T. Brown and Chief District Court Judge Scott T. Brewer, both of North Carolina's Judicial Dis-

trict 16A, issued a joint administrative order last month detailing the new rules for attending court in Hoke County.

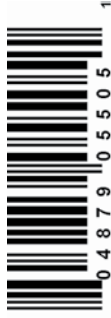
The administrative order prohibits people from wearing halter tops, muscle shirts, tank tops, tube tops, belly shirts (half shirts), shirts or tops with low-cut necklines, or shirts with obscene sayings or gestures or that have alcohol or drug advertisements.

The order also bans food and drinks of any sort from the courtrooms and prohibits cell

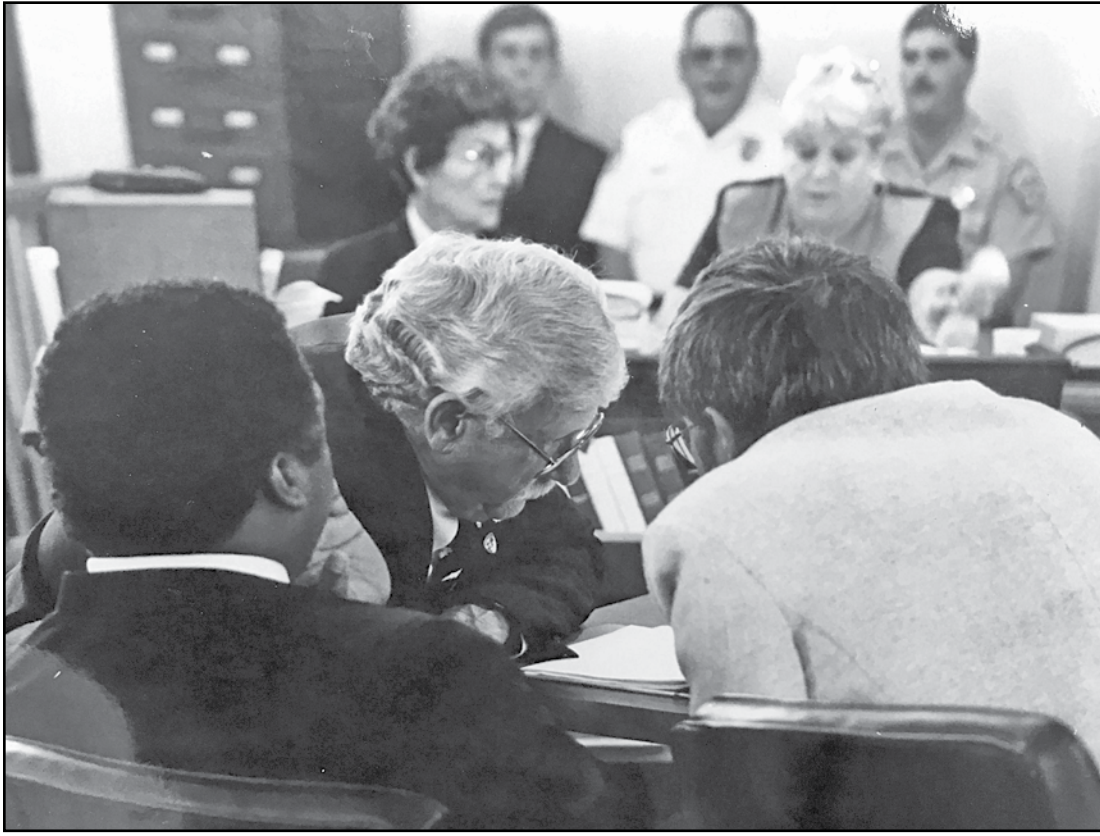
phones and cameras from both the courthouse and the courthouse annex. Guns, pocketknives, box cutters and all bladed weapons and all other "dangerous weapons of any kind" are also banned from the premises.

The order also set forth additional specific dress code rules.

"All attire should cover the midriff area, shorts and dresses should be of reasonable length, 'sagging' is not allowed - no pants should be worn (See COURT RULES, page 10)



BROWSING THE FILES



Sheriff Alex Norton (center) confers in court.

47 Years Ago

August 7, 1969

James "J.W." Turlington is beginning his 27th year in education, most of them in Raeford. He began work as a science teacher, served four years in the army, then earned a master's degree and returned to Raeford. At that point, there were 28 schools in the county. Hoke High employed 14 teachers at the time. "Hoke High was one of the first schools in the state to have a 12-year education program," he said. "Before then, most schools worked on an 11-year schedule. Hoke was also one of the first counties to have a countywide high school." One of his favorite memories was in a Geometry class. "Class was just about over when one of my students raised her hand and asked if she could quote me for the school paper. I asked her what she was going to quote me on and she told me

that, while I was explaining a problem in class, I had told the class to 'watch the board while I run through it.'"

W.K. Morgan, recreation director, says the summer recreation program has been a success. One of the biggest hits was the Friday night dance, which drew around 140 to 150 teenagers weekly. Local bands such as "Changing Times," "Everyday People" and "Soul Sept" provided entertainment and churches furnished chaperones and free refreshments. The Pee Wee baseball league drew around 50 boys and the Little Tar Heel League drew around 200 boys ages 10 to 12, but Morgan says he's disappointed that many of the boys lied about their ages and the tournament had to be cancelled. Other activities were provided at Raeford Elementary Gym and Upchurch Gym. Morgan was assisted by Howard Barkley.

25 Years Ago

August 7, 1991

Alex Norton is no longer sheriff of Hoke County. Calling the sheriff's testimony "unworthy of belief", Judge Donald Stephens removes Norton from office. The action follows a petition by the district and county attorneys. Taking Norton's place is County Coroner Frank Crumpler who is sworn in Monday.

Two men file for Raeford mayor. Keith Ryan, who ran against John K. McNeill in 1989, will take on Bob Gentry, incumbent.

Sandhills Community College is requesting Turlington School for its local campus. The school board has already promised the school to the county when two new middle schools are completed.



With the hoisting of this last row of bleachers, the stadium reaches its one-sixth mark. The structure is expected to be complete in 10 days.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Items should be submitted for the Community Calendar by noon Friday before the publication date. You are asked to keep in mind that paste-up of the calendar page is done on Monday before publication. Also, if an ongoing item has been discontinued or needs to be changed, you are asked to contact the editor as soon as possible.

August 5

THE HOKE COUNTY MISSIONARY UNION will hold its annual scholarship banquet beginning at 7 p.m. in the Community Resource Center on Pittman Grove Church Road. Tickets are \$25.00.

August 6

A COMMUNITY YARD SALE will be held at the Hoke County Health Department from 7 a.m. - noon. There will be crafts, children's clothing, teens', adults' & men's clothing, shoes, houseware, jewelry and furniture.

August 8

SEARCH Family Support Program parent support group meeting will be held at the Department of Juvenile Justice in Raeford at 127 W. Elwood Ave from noon to 1 p.m. This is a time for those with children who have behavioral, emotional, and/or learning challenges to share their experiences and learn from others. Lunch and material are free. To register, contact Shirlyn Smith @ 919-906-7103 or toll free 877-776-6599 or by email at search.family.support.program@gmail.com

August 10

Hoke County Parks & Rec will host SENIOR BINGO at the Hoke County Public Library from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. There will be prizes and refreshments. Seniors 50 and older are welcome. Call 910-875-4035 for more information.

August 11

The HOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY will hold their monthly meeting at PK's Grill Raeford Airport, 155 Airport Dr., Raeford, at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.hokegop.com.

August 12, September 9, October 14, November 4 & December 9

AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS SCHEDULE (Adult/Child/Infant) - Classes may be changed/cancelled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. All classes will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. To register or for more information call Hoke County Health Department at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106.

August 13

The Hoke County Branch NAACP, Hoke County Schools, Hoke High Dropout Prevention Program present the 13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT at Hoke High School MacDonald Gym from 10 a.m. - noon. Free back to school supplies, free food and entertainment. Students must be present. Donations accepted from organizations, individuals, businesses, corporate and churches through August 11th. Volunteers needed. Contact Jackie McLean at 910-875-2156 ext. 4102, jmclean@hcs.k12.nc.us.

August 19

Hoke County Parks & Rec will host their FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in the L. E. McLaughlin (senior room). Seniors 50 and older are welcome. There will be board and card games, pool, corn hole, shuffleboard and meeting new people. We ask everyone to bring a covered dish (refreshments will be provided). Call 910-875-4035 for more information.

August 24

"AUTISM WORKSHOP", will be held at the Department of Juvenile Justice in Raeford at 127 W. Elwood Ave from noon to 1 p.m. Amy Perry, Autism Resource Specialist, Autism Society of North Carolina will discuss the characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder as well as some basic interventions and treatments. Materials and lunch are free. Registration in advance is required. The registration deadline for this presentation is August 22, 2016. To register, contact Shirlyn Smith @ 919-906-7103 or toll free 877-776-6599 or by email at search.family.support.program@gmail.com

September 6 & October 4

COFFEE WITH A COP will be held at Hardee's at 4 p.m.

September 23

Hoke County Parks & Rec will host their 12TH ANNUAL FISH FRY from 12 - 2 p.m. in the L. E. McLaughlin (senior room). We will accept the first 80 seniors 50 and older who register by September 2nd by calling the office at 910-875-4035.

NOTICE: In order to keep our Calendar up-to-date, we are adding an expiration date to the following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our calendar after the expiration date, please call (875-

2121), fax (875-7256) or email (robin@thenews-journal.com) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

Military service-connected meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS RALPHA. PANDURE VFW POST #10 meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at its Post Home, 14 Hanger Lane, Raeford Airport, Raeford. For information, contact Commander John F. Harty at 910-987-9821. email johnfharty@yahoo.com or visit vfw.org. (expires September 2016)

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS- Hoke County Chapter 17 meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the National Guard Armory, Teal Drive. For information, call Adjutant George Balch at 910-875-4410 or e-mail: gbalch@nc.rr.com. (expires May 2015)

Calling all ACTIVE AND RETIRED NAVY, MARINE AND COAST GUARD to join Fleet Reserve Branch 259 located in Fayetteville. The Branch and Unit meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Retired Military Association building off Gillespie Street. (expires August 2016)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 20 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For information, call James McKee, 910-277-0597 or John McRae, Adjutant, 910-286-1705. (expires October 2016)

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 62, the "Sandhills" Chapter for Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, meets the 1st Saturday of each month, 1800 hrs at the Southern Pines VFW Post 7318 Clubhouse in Southern Pines, 615 South Page St. All present and past Special Forces soldiers are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Chapter 62 President, Tom Galbicksek at: tngabs@yahoo.com (expires August 2016)

Others

HOKE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES is open to all seniors 50 and older. Free use of exercise equipment, table games and other games are available everyday from 12 - 4 p.m. (expires October 2016)

CAPE FEAR VALLEY HOSPICE is seeking volunteers to support our patients, families, and administrative staff in the areas in and around Raeford/Hoke County. Training is provided. Contact Kaitlyn Collins at 910-609-6710 for more information. (expires August 2016)

RAEFORD-HOKE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Edinborough Restaurant. All pastors and ministers are invited. Contact Tom Lee at RaefordFBC@Gmail.com (expires November 2016)

The TIA HART COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROGRAM, Inc. meets Mondays 7 p.m. & 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays 7 p.m. at 116 E. Elwood Ave. The 2nd & 4th Friday we have a food give-away. For more information, call 910-565-3063. (expires August 2016)

RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS - Apply today at MOCEDC, 7350 Turnpike Road or call 910-875-6623. (expires August 2016)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Raeford United Methodist Church, 308 N. Main St. For more information, call 910-479-1781. (expires August 2016)

PROGRAMS for CHILDREN held at the Hoke County Public Library. Call 875-2502 for more information. Mondays - Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. HOMEWORK CENTRAL - FREE homework help and support for elementary and middle school-aged students. Volunteer tutor applications are being accepted. Select Saturdays: STORY SATURDAY for children and their families at 3 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (expires October 2016)

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - Storytime for children ages 3-5 at the Hoke County Public Library. Call 875-2502 for more information. (expires November 2016)

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the last Tuesday of each month at Pittman Grove Baptist Church. The meetings are from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (expires November 2016)

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT

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Gale Turlington, photographer

William and Alyssa Gillis taste fresh—uncooked—corn.

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VIEWPOINTS

Do we still want all this growth?

Last week, we learned that developers have abandoned Hoke County for greener pastures—locales where development regulations aren't as confining—where they can go and construct subdivisions with more houses per acre. We learned housing starts went from a high of 569 in 2010 to only 222 last year. And we learned the county is considering loosening the requirements in its unified development ordinance so construction will resume.

Which begs the question, do we want more people in Hoke County? For years, we've been operating under the assumption that growth is good—

attract more people, retail and industrial growth will follow, everyone's standard of living will improve. But it hasn't happened.

At more than 52,000 people, Hoke has indeed grown, and even last year was the fourth-fastest growing county in the state over five years at 12.2%.

But retail growth remains flat. Hoke increases in law enforcement, and more and bigger roads. The kind of growth we've seen to date has greatly been of transient people, too, which challenges the character of the community.

Before we further clog our schools and roads, and convert pastures and forests to houses, shouldn't we at least have a discussion about whether all this growth is good?

is the 48th largest county in the state, but ranks only 26th from the bottom in retail sales.

Look at the chart below. With one exception (Stokes), the six counties closest to Hoke's population have drastically greater commercial sales, and Hoke's lot hasn't changed much over the years.

When will more tax-generating retail growth come? No one knows when, or even if it ever will.

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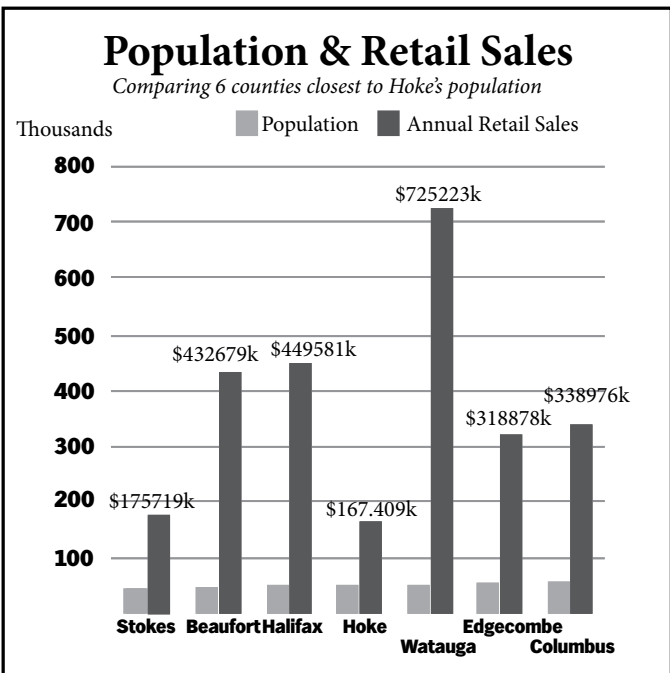
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We Get Letters

Development will hurt Raeford

To the Editor: The convolutions in politics, even in a small town, are very difficult to navigate. We elect our representatives to look after our interests when making decisions in our town. The big problem comes when these people then make appointments to various boards. At this point, we the citizens (voters) lose contact with those making decisions.

Residents on N. Main St. and N. Magnolia St. are facing just such an issue. There is a proposed development on N. Main St.—a

developer is wanting to build 3 small duplex apartments on one lot. At the public hearing, this plan met with a great deal of objection from the surrounding property owners. This type of development will hurt the town's image on Main St. and is certainly not in keeping with the surrounding properties. It will have a negative impact on marketability and property values of surrounding homes.

It is important to remember that elected officials have a responsibility to the citizens to

protect them and make decisions that are in their best interests. Officials do not have responsibility to benefit a developer who has his own interests at heart, not those of the town or its citizens.

We, the residents on N. Main St. and N. Magnolia St., ask that the town board, board of adjustments, and town administration consider our desires when making the final decision on August 9 and rule against this development.

James K. McClanathan
Raeford

Responds to 'Battle lines drawn'

To the Editor: You say the fallout from HB2 is starting to hit North Carolina hard, the NBA just moved the All Star game out of Charlotte. My response is, who gives a crap what the NBA does? Some people still have moral values sir.

You say Republicans though don't care they just want to keep control of the state and don't care about the economic result. My response Governor McCrory blasting the media and sports entertainment elite, Attorney General and the liberal media (liberal media your words not mine) was the right thing to do. You stated Gov. McCrory and the legislature overruled local authorities to start this mess. I call you out on that sir. You liberals started this mess because of making laws that don't matter. You liberals can't make up your mind what bathroom

to pee and poop in.

You say that Trump has taken over the Republican Party and McCrory is right on board. I hope and pray you are right about that. It is time somebody took over the White House with some moral values which is not there with the present administration. You say Republicans have shut down the government, can't pass a budget and have failed to address the country's needs, wrong again. Harry Reid and the liberals and this administration have never passed a budget. They couldn't pass one when they controlled both houses and they had this so called president that is bankrupting America. Obama has put America in more debt than all the other presidents together. You say you are the founder and publisher of politics.com before beginning

politics N.C. you spent 20 years as a public affairs consultant. Big deal I spent 36 years working for Burlington Industries mostly night shift. You also state you are a candidate for congress for 8th District. You always fail to mention you are a liberal or Democrat whatever against Mr. Hudson. In my opinion Mr. Hudson will win big. I wish this paper would have a Republican writer just like they have you as a liberal writer. I read a lot of your stuff and LMBO knowing you should of all people know better than to write some of the junk you write. I am just a retired textile worker but I am trying hard to assure we get candidates with moral values and love the Lord. God bless America. It will be great again if the liberals lose.

Butch T. Posey
Raeford

Here's how to fix violent society

To the Editor: How do we begin fixing our violent society?

1. We have an educational system failing to teach students the truth about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, U.S. History, state history, and individuals' rights under due process of law. Fix it.
2. Years ago, liberals called it inhuman to commit people who were insane to asylums for institutionalized care. These insane are NOW in communities committing violence. Asylums should be reopened for the insane. Prisons are for criminals. Better mental health programs are needed for the less troubled. Deal effectively with PTSD.
3. The FBI is NOW working on 800 ISIS cases in every state.

Our nation is besieged, without and within. Police officers' duties are to protect life and property. They are not social welfare organizations like Social Services. It's not their job to raise our children. That's our job. I am sick of hearing criminals' families screaming "police brutality," after their children commit law-breaking behaviors, harming themselves and others. Count the criminals. Innumerable! Count the bad law-enforcement officers. Few! Those few must be prosecuted under due process of law and punished, like other criminals. Riots, violent demonstrations, property destruction, and murdering police are criminal acts. Arrest and prosecute those committing these acts. Blue lives matter too. Police,

police yourselves. Police officers deserve better pay and citizens' respect. Communities must back their police, not criminals. Deport criminal illegals. Reduce and better screen refugees. Stop "illegal" immigration.

4. Groups promoting violence under the table to settle social problems, while they feign non-violence publicly, must be dismantled by citizen non-support.

5. As a nation, we must repent of sin, turn back to God, and love our neighbor. It's not about black and white; it's about right and wrong!

6. Embrace community policing—only when it doesn't displace keeping law and order.

Barbara Richie Pond
Raeford

Applauds court of appeals ruling

To the Editor:

Friday, July 29, 2016, was very interesting for the citizens of the State of North Carolina, and especially Hoke County, for two reasons. First, as chairman of the Hoke County Democratic Party, I was contacted by the director of the Hoke County Board of Elections (HCBOE), Ms. Caroline Shook. She advised via email that she had forwarded the early voting One-Stop Elections Plan submitted by the Democratic party's representative, Ms. Gloria Hill, to the North Carolina State Board of Elections (NCSBOE) for consideration.

Ms. Hill's Alternative Plan, if approved, would provide for early voting in the 2016 elections

to begin October 27, 2016 at 8 a.m. and end Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 1 p.m. Two county locations were identified as the voting sites. They are: the Hoke County Administration Building, Commissioners' Room and the Rockfish Community Building, Community Room. Ms. Hill's plan recommended 212 hours of early voting opportunity between the two sites, 106 each. It also recommended Sunday voting on October 30, 2016 from 1-6 p.m. This is a very inclusive and pragmatic plan and Ms. Hill is owed a debt of gratitude for her representation on the HCBOE.

Secondly, we were all apprised that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

struck down several key provisions of an election law passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2013. According to the Fourth Circuit, the North Carolina legislature enacted the challenged provisions with an intent to discriminate against African-American voters. For that reason, the Court of Appeals said, the provisions violated both the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Right's Act. The full Fourth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court are unlikely to intervene in this case or reinstate any of these provisions before the 2016 elections. In light of the Fourth Circuit Court's decision, North Carolina voters:

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Incumbents unopposed in school board race

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Hoke County Board of Election members Hank Richards and Rosa McAllister-McRae will be unopposed this fall as they seek reelection, according to the Hoke County Board of Elections.

Filing closed Monday at noon for candidates interested in running for election to the school board. Richards and McAllister-McRae were the only two people who filed to run for election, county elections director Caroline Shook reported.

Both candidates have served

for more than 10 years on the Hoke County Board of Education.

School board election filing, along with the Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor filing, is held in the summer because the boards are nonpartisan and do not hold primary elections.

The school board race is one of several local races that are unopposed this election season. Register of Deeds incumbent Camille Hearst, a Democrat, is running for reelection without opposition. State Rep. Garland Pierce and state Rep. Ken Goodman, both Democrats, are also running for reelection unopposed.

District Attorney Kristy Newton defeated her opponent in the primary election and will not face opposition in November.

There are also several contested races that local voters will decide this fall.

Two seats on the Hoke County Board of Commissioners are up for election this year, with incumbents James Leach (chairman) and Bobby Wright, both Democrats, running against Republican candidate William "Brownie" Brown, a business owner from Rockfish. Republican incumbent Rep. Richard Hudson will face Democrat

Thomas Mills this November to determine who will represent the House of Representatives District 8 in Congress. In the North Carolina State Senate District 21 race, incumbent Ben Clark III, a Democrat, will face Republican candidate Dan Travieso.

Following a recent court decision that overturned the state's voter I.D. law, North Carolina voters will not need to present photo identification to vote in the November General Election. However, the court's decision is under further legal appeal by the state.

Two charged in party shooting

Two men from Red Springs were arrested last week for allegedly shooting a man three times at a house party in Hoke County on July 9.

Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested O'Bryant Williams, 22, of the 200 block of North McPhatter Road and Cody Jacobs, 23, of the 2900 block of North Hilltop Road in Red Springs on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious bodily injury. The two men were arrested July 29 and were held under \$15,000 secured bonds.

Williams and Jacobs were charged in connection with the shooting of Deltron Lakota Locklear of Red Springs. Locklear was attending a party July 9 on the 200 block of South Highland Road, which is a Hoke County address near the city of Red Springs, when he was shot three times. Locklear was shot twice in the upper chest and once in his right hand, according to authorities.



Williams Jacobs

The shooting happened around 1:40 in the morning on a Saturday. Locklear was transported to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville where he underwent emergency surgery and was in critical condition following the shooting. He was later moved to a different hospital where he continues recovering, according to reports.

Detectives investigating the case did not believe that Locklear was specifically targeted. Anyone with further information about the case should contact the Hoke County Sheriff's Office at 875-5111.

Locklear's first name was previously spelled incorrectly in a report as "Deltrum."

Teen charged in stabbing, attempted robbery

A 17-year-old Raeford teen was arrested last week for allegedly stabbing a man during an armed robbery, according to the Hoke County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators arrested Ezequiel Ward, 17, of the 300 block of Chadwick Drive in Raeford on charges of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and felony conspiracy. He was held under a \$50,000 bond.

Ward was arrested in connection with the reported stabbing and armed robbery that took place on the 100 block of Malinda Drive in Raeford around 3:30 a.m. July 1. Ward was arrested July 28 following an investigation.

Christopher Graham and Michael Graham called authorities to the home on Malinda Drive to report an armed robbery that had just occurred. EMS and deputies at the scene found that one of the victims was suffering from a stab wound to the back. He was transported to an area hospital.

The incident is still under investigation and additional arrests are possible. Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Hoke County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division at 875-5111.



Ward

Liberian missionary preaches here

Dr. Olu Menjay, a native of Liberia (West Africa), brought the sermon at the 7:55 a.m. service at Mount Pisgah MBC.

This is the second time Menjay has preached to a congregation in Mount Pisgah. He and the Rev. Kormah B. Dorko shared with the congregation on the 20th February in 2000.

Menjay recently was re-elected as president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, Inc. He was first elected in 2012. The Liberia Baptist and Educational Convention was founded in 1880 to bring Baptist churches together for fellowship, cooperation and the development of programs in Christian education and evangelism. He is also the former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance (2010-2015). He has studied and received degrees from Duke University and Boston University. He is the son of a Liberian Baptist preacher, and is a licensed and ordained minister. He serves as a Ricks Institute assistant professor in the Roberts Department of Christianity in Mercer University College.

Menjay's text was from Matthew 8:23 with a subject of "Living with Surprises."

The recently organized young adult choir provided music. Menjay was introduced by Pastor John D Fuller Sr.

Courtesy of Ellen McNeill

Obituaries



James McMillan

James McMillan

James P. "JP" McMillan Jr. of Red Springs died Friday, July 29, 2016 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center at the age of 92.

He was born July 18, 1924 in Robeson County to the late James P. McMillan Sr. and Wilhelmina Hamer McMillan. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Robert D. McMillan and Flora Bell McMillan Abernethy; son-in-law, John Terry Bullock; and his grandson, Chris Clark.

He attended Philadelphus School in the Philadelphus Community of Robeson County and graduated from Red Springs High School. He then attended Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge but left after one semester to enlist in the United States Army Air Corps, joining the Allied effort in World War II as a language specialist. He served as a signal radio intelligence specialist in the China Burma India Theater assisting with defense of China.

He returned to Red Springs and married Frances Campbell McPhaul. Their early life together was spent in Fayetteville where he worked for Sears Roebuck & Company in store management. The family relocated in 1953 to Red Springs and he farmed briefly with his father until he began his land surveying practice in 1955. He continued his surveying until

retirement at age 85 in 2009.

He was a member of Red Springs Presbyterian Church where he served as deacon and elder in addition to singing tenor in the choir for 50 years. He was known for his musical talent and beautiful voice.

Over the years, he was active with the Red Springs Rescue Squad. He was an EMT and was one of the founding members of the Red Springs Rescue Squad. Later in life, he worked with the China Burma India Veterans Association and served in various leadership positions with the organization.

He loved flying private planes and was a pilot for many years. He was known as an honest and trustworthy person and businessman.

He was a hunter and fisherman and shared his passion with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Frances M. McMillan of Red Springs; a son, James P. "Jim" McMillan III (Anita) of Raeford; four daughters, Donna McMillan Bullock of Raeford, Linda Ellen McMillan (Todd Williams) of Aberdeen, Laura McMillan Gaitley (Steven) of Laurinburg, and Dora McMillan Carter (David) of Sherrills Ford; a brother, Alex McMillan of Red Springs; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A committal service was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 2 at Alloway Cemetery with full military honors.

A memorial service followed at Red Springs Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to the Red Springs Rescue Squad, 927 E 4th Ave., Red Springs, NC 28377 or Southeastern NC Friends of NRA, PO Box 1531, Pembroke, NC 28372.

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

National Night Out is this Saturday

Local public service agencies will come out to meet citizens in a night of activities, free food and entertainment at National Night Out 2016.

The Hoke County Sheriff's Office, which organizes and sponsors the annual event, announced this year's National Night Out is set for Saturday, August 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the county recreation complex located at 3195 Red Springs Road.

There will be booths provided by the sheriff's office, Raeford Police Department, North Carolina Highway Patrol, EMS, Health Department,

Fire Departments, Probation and Parole, Animal Control, Social Services, local vendors and more. There will be free children's identification kits available.

National Night Out provides an opportunity to meet neighbors, strengthen the community, and receive crime safety tips. For updates and information, see Sheriff Hubert A. Peterkin on Facebook or contact Major Revels at 875-5113.

In the event of inclement weather, the make-up day will be Saturday, August 20 from 5-8 p.m.

Free school supplies at community event

Hoke County Schools and the Hoke County Branch of the NAACP will hold their 13th annual community back-to-school event Saturday, August 13 at Hoke County High School.

The event will offer free school supplies, food and entertainment. Students must be present at the event, which draws in thousands of children and their families each year to help them get ready to start a

new school year. The event will run from 10 a.m.-noon August 13 at the MacDonald Gym on the Hoke High campus.

Donations are accepted from organizations, businesses, churches, individuals and corporations through August 11. Volunteers are also needed.

For more information, call Jackie McLean at 875-2156 ext. 4102 or email jmclean@hcs.k12.nc.us.

Conoly reunion set

The Conoly/Conoley Reunion will be held Sunday, September 18 at Antioch Presbyterian Church. The event will be held on a single day due to low attendance in the

past few years. It will start at 1 p.m. after church services with a covered lunch provided by attendees.

Sex ed sessions offered

Maggie's Outreach Youth Enrichment Center at 1284 Fayetteville Road, Raeford will hold five sessions called Choosing the Best JOURNEY to educate teens on delayed sexual activity.

The events will be held Monday-Thursday, August 15-18 from 4-6 p.m. and Friday, August 19 from 3-7 p.m.

The free sessions are intended to educate teens on the health advantages of delayed sexual activity and empower them to make the healthiest choices, in order to reduce unplanned pregnancies and STDs, improving life outcomes for teens and their families. Topics include:

- Setting Goals
 - Making the BEST Decisions
 - Avoiding Pregnancy
 - Avoiding STDs
 - Developing the BEST Relationship
 - Choosing Abstinence Until Marriage
 - Overcoming the Pressure
 - Being Assertive - Ways To Say No
- Parental consent is required. Refreshments and prizes will be offered.
- For more information and/or to register, contact India McDuffie @ Maggie's Outreach Youth Enrichment Center (MOYEC) at 910-875-6623.

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Bayonet at Puppy Creek

The Wednesday Shootout winners were Chip Collins, Jose Vigil, Wayne Scholle, Flash Gordon and Brian Daniels with a 10-under. Friday Shootout winners were Sean Burke, Brian Basham, Richard Burger and Flash Gordon with a score of 4-under. Kurt Saulsbury had a hole-in-one on #3 at Bayonet this weekend. Kurt used an 8-iron from 148 yards and flew it into the hole. Andy Leake had a career best round of 72 on Saturday morning.

Upland Trace

The Saturday morning group winners were Don Frykholm, Steve Jumbelick, Lee Harless and Tom Thomsen. The Saturday "Pack" group winners were Grady Beasley, Greg Wyrick, Mark Faour and Ken Bullock. The Sunday group winners were Ray McLemore, Don Frykholm, Guy Wall and Lee Harless. The Raeford Kiwanis Club SFC Matthew McClintock Memorial Golf Tournament will be held September 9.



Taking It By Force wins national title

The National Travel Basketball Association held its National Championships in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina last weekend and a team based in Hoke County, Taking It By Force 7th grade team, won the championship for their age bracket by going 4-0. They are Coach Kelsey Battle (back row, left to right), Kamonte Williams, Jalen Higgins, Angel Dean, Brodie Clark, Vincent Latham and Coach Chris Monroe; front row: Kelton Battle, Jaleel Boles, Davonte Davis, Jordan Maynor, JaQuantae Harris and Ralphel Blue.

Sports Briefs

Rockfish Speedway results

Rockfish Speedway got the racing underway last weekend but before they could complete the first division of racing, the rains came and shortened the night of track activity. The only division that ran was the Go Karts and young Levi Brown took home the win for his third win of the season. Mason Ford finished second, Josh Gomez came in third, Zack Kober came in fourth and Eric Cardona came in fifth. In the Mini Pro Go Karts division, Mason Ford leads the points and Levi Brown is in second. In the Pro Go Karts, Josh Gomez is the points' leader with Eric Cardona in second. The points' leader in the 600 Micro Sprints is Matt Jones. He also leads the 270 Sprints. Colton Beasley of Raeford leads the Mod Lite division and Billy Gomez Jr. leads the Legends division.

Rockfish Speedway will be back in action August 13 with the August Bash event. Gates will open at 3 p.m. with racing action starting about 5 p.m.

Hoke County football and sports

Hoke County High School official football practices began this week. The Bucks will be working all week and weekend getting ready for two scrimmages coming up. The first scrimmage will be tonight at Pine Forest High School beginning at 6 p.m. The second scrimmage will be at home August 12 against Saint Pauls High School beginning at 6 p.m. Other sports kicking off practices are cross country, volleyball, boys' tennis, boys' golf, boys' soccer and cheerleading.

Sports News To Report?

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Newsome named Preseason All Conference

Former Hoke County High School graduate and football standout Detrez Newsome was named to the Preseason All Conference team for Western Carolina University in the Southern Conference. Newsome will be a rising junior and last year ran for a career high 1,109 yards, averaging 5.8 yards per carry. He caught 37 passes, including three touchdowns out of the backfield and averaged 21.6 yards on kickoffs. The Catamounts open the season against East Carolina University in Greenville.



McRae hired as new offensive line coach at Fayetteville State

Former Hoke County High School graduate and football standout Montaze McRae accepted the offensive line coach position for the Fayetteville State University Bronco's football team. McRae spent the last few years at Southern Durham High School. He graduated from Hoke in 2004 and NC A&T in 2007. In the photo, McRae (left) stands with the University of Tennessee tight ends coach Larry Smith (right) at camp this summer in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Broncos open the season against Chowan at home September 3.



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