

## District Court

Recent cases heard in Hoke County Criminal District Court:

Feb. 16

Judge Regina M. Joe presiding

- Jessica Lynn Kochuyt, 36, 5438 Heather Street, Hope Mills, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Priscilla Denise Smith, 38, 274 N. Windor Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Cristy Makayla Scott, 18, 5283 N.C. Highway 710, Pembroke, speeding 44 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Jose Vazquez Mercado, 48, 182 Livingston Drive, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs
- Daniel Michael Hogan, 37, 523 Dunrobin Drive, speeding 44 miles per hour in a 35-mph zone, \$25 fine and court costs
- Billy Ray Cummings, 32, 1711 Bradford Drive, Aberdeen, assaulting a government employee, 150 days with 37 days credit for time served
- Terrell Antroine Murray, 27, 2237 Dockvale Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs partially waived
- Donna Rowell, 44, 446 Kappers Drive, Aberdeen, communicating threats, two days with two days credit for time served
- Theresa Brewington, 54, 866 Fletch McPhaul Road, Red Springs, failure to stop for stopped school bus, \$500 fine and court costs
- Tony Ryan Garcia, 24, 345 Osborne Drive, Palm Beach, Florida, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Jessica Marie Beckham, 24, 6960 Timberwood Drive, Fayetteville, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs
- Jonathan Oxendine, 21, 32448 Hull Creek Road, Wagram, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 and court costs
- Christopher Britt, 42, 228 Orlins Way Drive, Pembroke, driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Christopher McMillan, 31, 1315 Atomic Drive N, Spring Lake, driving while license revoked, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$50 fine and court costs partially waived
- Latrice Angela Jackson, 34, 4566 Parkwood Circle, Fayetteville, expired registration card/tag, voluntary dismissal; misdemeanor child abuse, voluntary dismissal; failure to secure passenger under 16, \$50 fine and court costs partially waived
- Timothy Earl Ray, 45, 715 Silver Street, reckless driving to endanger, prayer for judgment, court costs
- Christopher Glenn Branch, 53, 20861 McEachin Road, Laurel Hill, improper equipment—speedometer, \$25 fine and court costs

• Jessilynne Burrell, 22, 3510 Esterwood Road, Greensboro, failure to stop at a stop sign, prayer for judgment; failure to carry valid driver's license, voluntary dismissal, court costs

• Regina Michelle Malloy, 34, 127 Hobson Court, cancelled, revoked or suspended certification/tag, voluntary dismissal; driving while license revoked, prayer for judgment, court costs

• Ajamu Kamau Olugbala, 50, 704 Trout Lilly Place, Raleigh, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs

• India Leak, 27, 1179 S. Pine Street, Laurinburg, improper equipment—speedometer, \$50 fine and court costs

• Linda Dalora Jacobs, 38, 6720 Pacific Avenue, Fayetteville, possession of drug paraphernalia, 45 days community punishment, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$50 fine and court costs

• Joshua David Turner, 28, 179 Pumpkintown Road, Autryville, speeding 83 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, voluntary dismissal; driving while license revoked, 20 days community punishment, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$50 fine and court costs

• Tommy Ray Jr., 29, 514 East Fifth Avenue, simple affray, 1 day with 1 day time served credited, court costs waived

• Joaquin Corarrubus Rivas, 48, 5518 Cinnabar Lane, Parkton, improper passing, prayer for judgment, court costs waived

• Jessica Wracquel Autry, 29, 1832 Butler Road, Salemburg, failure to stop at a red light, prayer for judgment, court costs

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• Angel Garcia, 43, 3338 Rockfish Road, assaulting a government official or employee, 10 days in jail with one day credit for time served, 12 months supervised probation

• Mercedes Benzresse Hardaway, 23, 7901 Nations Ford Road, Charlotte, misdemeanor breaking or entering, 20 days with 20 days of time served credited; breaking or entering a motor vehicle, voluntary dismissal; tampering with vehicle, 10 days active punishment

• Angelo Carrillo, 16, 2290 Hackney Loop, Fayetteville, speeding 64 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, \$100 fine and court costs

• Sheena Katrina Lowery, 31, 160 Locklear Lane, Red Springs, simple possession Schedule II controlled substance (misdemeanor), 120 days community punishment, 12 months supervised probation

• Charles Alexander Wall, 40, 318 Stubbs Road, possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, voluntary dismissal; simple possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance (misdemeanor), 120 days intermediate punishment, 12 months supervised probation

## Hoke Farm Bureau endorses bond issue

Hoke County Farm Bureau passed a resolution on February 22 that urges North Carolinians to vote yes for the \$2 billion Connect NC Bond referendum during the March 15 primary. The resolution supports the bond's investments in agriculture, community colleges, higher education, the National Guard, state parks and local water and sewer projects.

The bond is a \$2 billion proposal with \$1.3 billion dedicated to capital

construction, repair, and renovation of colleges, universities and community colleges; \$180 million for agriculture; \$400 million for state parks, state zoo and local water/sewer projects; and more than \$70 million for new National Guard Readiness Centers.

According to the office of the State Budget and Management, the bonds will not require a tax increase and will protect the state's AAA bond rating.

# LEGAL ADVERTISING

**NOTICE OF DOCKETING IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff v. RONALD BUIE, Defendant**

Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to:

RONALD BUIE that a judgment of foreclosure will be docketed against the property described below on March 15, 2016.

Property Description: PIN: 29422-00-01-157

"BEING lot No. 17 of a plat prepared by J.P. McMillan, Jr., Registered Surveyor, entitled "Hines Acres" as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 113, Hoke County Registry. This lot was conveyed to Englan Hines and wife, Edna W. Hines by deed of Elmo Wright and wife, Sadie Brown Wright dated June 20, 1983 which is recorded in Book 228, Page 634, Hoke County Registry. The said Englan Hines died intestate in Wilson County N.C. on February 13, 1986."

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke  
February 15, 2016  
February 24th 2016 & March 2nd 2016  
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**CREDITORS NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM N. MACKAY, JR. 16 E 02**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against William N. Mackey, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Meredith Wilkins, Executor of the estate of the decedent at 9505 Selby Pl., Norfolk, VA 23503 on or before the 17th day of May, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor.

This the 17th day of February, 2016.  
Brian Mackey, Executor of the Estate of William N. Mackey, Jr., deceased  
Willcox, McFadyen, Fields & Sutherland  
Attorneys At Law  
112 E. Edinborough Avenue  
Raeford, North Carolina 28376  
50-1P

**NOTICE OF DOCKETING IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff v. LEWIS HARDIN; CHADWICK HARDIN; Defendants**

Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to:

LEWIS HARDIN and CHADWICK HARDIN that a judgment of foreclosure will be docketed against the property described below on March 15, 2016.

Property Description: PIN: 49483-01-01-130  
"Being all of Lot One-B (1-B) as shown on a plat entitled "Survey for Clyde D. Shepley" as recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 2-31, Map 001, Hoke County Registry."

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke  
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**CREDITORS NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ESTATE FILE NO. 16 E 31 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY**

The undersigned, Marianne J. Baker, having qualified on February 11, 2016 as Executrix of the Estate of Edgar M. Baker, deceased, late of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned's Attorney, H. Chalk Broughton, Jr., at 135 West New Hampshire Avenue, P. O. Box 371, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28388-0371 on or before the 25th day of May, 2016 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 24th day of February, 2016.  
Marianne J. Baker, Executrix  
Estate of Edgar M. Baker, Deceased  
H. Chalk Broughton, Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate  
Poyner Spruill LLP  
Attorneys at Law  
P. O. Box 371  
Southern Pines, NC 28388-0371  
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**CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF JAMES B. WILKINS, JR. 16 E 37**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against James B. Wilkins, Jr., deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Meredith Wilkins, Executor of the estate of the decedent at 1131 Lupine Ct., Apt. F, Raleigh, NC 27606, on or before the 2nd day of June, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor.

This the 2nd day of March, 2016.  
Meredith Wilkins, Executor  
Of the estate of James B. Wilkins, Jr.  
1131 Lupine Ct., Apt. F  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
52-3P

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF HARRY M. DICK 16 E 41**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Harry M. Dick, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Scott A. Hawks, Executor, of the estate of the decedent at 2422 Hardin Farms Lane, Knoxville, TN 37932, on or before the 2nd day of June, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor.

This the 2nd day of March, 2016.  
Scott A. Hawks, Executor  
Of the estate of Harry M. Dick  
2422 Hardin Farm Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37932  
52-3P

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF JAMES N. CULBRETH, JR. 16 E 22**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against James N. Culbreth, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Carolyn Culbreth, Administratrix, of the estate of the decedent at 265 Turtleback Lane, Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 24th day of May, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 24th day of February, 2016.  
Carolyn Culbreth, Administratrix  
Of the estate of James N. Culbreth, Jr.  
265 Turtleback Lane  
Raeford, NC 28376  
51-2P

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 16 SP 06**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Scott R. Wallick to William R. Echols, Trustee(s), dated the 23rd day of October, 2012, and recorded in Book 01011, Page 0234, in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 16 SP 07**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by David S. Jordan and Dionne Jordan to William R. Echols, Trustee(s), dated the 30th day of December, 2010, and recorded in Book 929, Page 414, in Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been

substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Raeford, Hoke County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 10:00 AM on March 17, 2016 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the Township of McLauchlin, in the City of Raeford, in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

The following described property All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in or near the City of Raeford, McLauchlin Township, Hoke County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows

Being all of Lot Number 3 in a Subdivision known as Heartland and the same being duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 3-3, Map 2A, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 175 Rushmore Road, Raeford, North Carolina.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a)(1).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagee has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE  
c/o Hutchens Law Firm  
P.O. Box 1028  
4317 Ramsey Street  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311  
Phone No: (910) 864-3068  
https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com  
Case No: 1173829 (FC.FAY)  
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**NOTICE!**

**CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE**

Due to the Commissioner's Room being used for one-stop voting on March 7, 2016, the location for the March 7, 2016 regular meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners has been temporarily changed from the Commissioner's Room in the Pratt Building, 227 N. Main Street, Raeford, N.C. 28376 to the Hoke Court Annex at 231 N. Main Street, Raeford, N.C. 28376. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Revels, Clerk to Hoke County Board of Commissioners  
February 16, 2016

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR NCWORKS CAREER CENTER OPERATORS, ADULT & DISLOCATED WORKER AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR BLADEN, HOKE, RICHMOND, ROBESON AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES

The Lumber River Workforce Development Board is soliciting proposals for the following programs to be funded with Title I (B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017:

NCWorks Career Center Operations: The primary role is to ensure that services provided through the centers meet the needs of customers (business and job seeker) in an efficient and effective manner. It is critical that one-stop operations are unified with the delivery of WIOA services. In addition, the Operator provides management and oversight of the partnership of agencies that comprises the NCWorks Career Center system.

Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Services: to be operated in an integrated service delivery environment at the NCWorks Career Centers to provide allowable WIOA activities, services, and/or programs designed to meet the career development, occupational training and/or educational needs for adults age 18 or older and/or dislocated workers.

Youth Program Services to provide a comprehensive year-round service delivery system for eligible youth, ages 14-24. Proposals should be designed to provide the 14 Program Elements (Tutoring/Study Skills, Alternative Secondary School Services, Paid and Unpaid Work Experiences, Career Pathway Services, Occupational Skill Training, Leadership Development, Supportive Services, Adult Mentoring, Follow-up Services, Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling, Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurial Skills, Labor Market Information and Transition Skills) as specified by WIOA Policy.

Projected funding availability per county and program along with the proposal packages will be released on March 3, 2016. Questions or requests for RFP packages to be mailed should be directed to Patricia Hammonds (910) 775-9764 or patricia.hammonds@lrcog.org. A Bidders Conference will be held on March 10, 2016 @ 10:00am at the Lumber River Council of Governments, 30 CJ Walker Road, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. Proposal submission deadline will be March 31, 2016, at 12:00 p.m.

Final funding decisions will be made by the Lumber River Workforce Development Board, which reserves the right to consider the most advantageous offers and reject any and all offers. Written notification of operation selection will be provided to each entity submitting a RFP. For more information about Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funded Programs, please reference to www.nccommerce.com.



# LEGAL ADVERTISING

**NOTICE OF DOCKETING IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff v. LEASIA BETHEA, Defendant**

Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to: LEASIA BETHEA that judgment of foreclosure will be docketed against the property described below on March 15, 2016.

Property Description: Address: 947 Reed Drive, Raeford, NC

PIN: 69425-16-01-159 "BEING ALL OF LOT NO. TWENTY (20) OF THE NORTHWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION as recorded in Map Book 5, Page 76, Hoke County Public Registry, to which reference is hereby made.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS THAT WILL APPEAR OF RECORD."

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke February 15, 2016 February 24th, 2016 & March 2nd, 2016 51-52C

**NOTICE OF DOCKETING IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff v. WILLIAM MELTON; LAND FINANCE COMPANY, lienholder; Defendants**

Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to: WILLIAM MELTON and LAND FINANCE COMPANY, lienholder, that a judgment of foreclosure will be docketed against the property described below on March 15, 2016.

Property Description: PIN: 38494-00-01-037

"LYING AND BEING IN BLUE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND BEING ALL OF LOT NUMBER 20 OF THE WILDWOOD SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON THAT MAP ENTITLED "WILDWOOD SUBDIVISION" DATED MAY 10, 1998, DRAWN BY JIMMY F. CAIN, RLS AND RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 2, SLIDE 2-27, MAP 8 OF THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY."

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke February 15, 2016 February 24th, 2016 & March 2nd, 2016 51-52C

**NOTICE OF DOCKETING IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff v. ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF LOLA BLUE, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of Lola Blue, Defendant(s)**

Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to:

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF LOLA BLUE, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of Lola Blue, Defendant(s)

Property Description: PIN: 69435-17-01-005

"Located north of the Town of Raeford, and BEGINNING at an iron in the east margin of Green Street, said stake being located S 1-45 E 175 feet from the intersection of the east edge of Green Street with the South edge of the Turnpike Road, said stake being also the Southwest corner of Lot No. 1 described in Book 83, page 630 Hoke County Public Registry."

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke February 15, 2016 February 24th, 2016 & March 2nd, 2016 51-52C

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Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to:

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF LOLA BLUE, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of Lola Blue, Defendant(s)

Property Description: PIN: 69435-17-01-005

"Located north of the Town of Raeford, and BEGINNING at an iron in the east margin of Green Street, said stake being located S 1-45 E 175 feet from the intersection of the east edge of Green Street with the South edge of the Turnpike Road, said stake being also the Southwest corner of Lot No. 1 described in Book 83, page 630 Hoke County Public Registry."

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke February 15, 2016 February 24th, 2016 & March 2nd, 2016 51-52C

**NOTICE OF ONE-STOP (EARLY) VOTING PERIOD AND LOCATIONS**

The One-Stop (Early) Voting period will be from Thursday, March 3rd thru Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at the Board of Elections at 227 North Main Street in Raeford, and at the Rockfish Community Center at 2749 Lindsay Road in Rockfish, NC.

The hours for voting at both sites will be from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM Monday thru Friday, and 9:00 AM thru 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 5th, and 8:00 AM thru 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

**CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION**

Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF PEGGY R. ELLIOTT 16 E 32

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Peggy R. Elliott, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Joyce E. Haven, Administratrix, of the estate of the decedent at 1347 Wedgewood Dr., Montgomery, AL 36111, on or before the 17th day of May, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 17th day of February, 2016.

Joyce E. Haven, Administratrix Of the estate of Peggy R. Elliott 1347 Wedgewood Dr. Montgomery, AL 36111 50-1P

**NOTICE OF DOCKETING IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff v. ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF HOWARD LEE BALDWIN, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of Howard Lee Baldwin, Defendant(s)**

Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to:

ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF HOWARD LEE BALDWIN, including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of Howard Lee Baldwin, that a judgment of foreclosure will be docketed against the property described below on March 15, 2016.

Property Description: PIN: 79473-00-01-030

"Lying and being in Stonewall Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a point North 56 degrees 54 minutes West 229.69 feet from the southeast corner of the tract of land conveyed to Homer Lessane and wife, Bessie Lessane, by deed recorded in Book 90, at Page 169, of the Hoke County Registry; thence North 7 degrees 21 minutes East 167.88 feet to a point in the western right-of-way of a 15 foot roadway; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes West 250.47 feet; thence South 0 degrees 59 minutes West 110.91 feet; thence as the southern line of said 35 acre tract, South 83 degrees 10 minutes East 167.49 feet; thence as said line, South 56 degrees 54 minutes East 76.86 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

For history of title, see deed dated March 16, 1971, from Homer Lessane and wife, Bessie Lessane, to Lizzie Baldwin, of record in Book 161, at Page 605, in the Hoke County Public Registry."

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke February 15, 2016 February 24th, 2016 & March 2nd, 2016 51-52C

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 16 SP 14**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of MICHAEL J. EAGLIN and wife, VERONICA V. EAGLIN, Grantors, to Clyde K. Atkins, Trustee, and Taboys Corporation, Beneficiary, as recorded in Book 780, Page 564, Hoke County Registry.

See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 1135, Page 385, Hoke County Registry, appointing CHRIS KREMER as Substitute Trustee.

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke February 15, 2016 February 24th, 2016 & March 2nd, 2016 51-52C

cluding any improvements thereon):

Lot Number Four (4) as shown on map entitled "FIELD OF DREAMS" dated 12-18-95, prepared by Thomas J. Matthews, R.L.S. and recorded in Slide 378, Plat 003, Hoke County Registry.

The address for the property is Lot 4, Edinborough Road, Blue Springs and Allendale Townships, Hoke County, North Carolina, 28376.

The sale will be made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, restrictions and easements of record and special assessments, if any. This property is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the substitute trustee nor the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale.

The property is not being sold subject to or together with any subordinate rights or interests.

The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the Hoke County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice are Michael J. Eaglin, and wife, Veronica V. Eaglin.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the bid. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at the time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in N.C. Gen. Stat. §45-21.30 (d) and (e).

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids from the date of filing of the preliminary report of sale with the Clerk of Superior Court of Hoke County, North Carolina, as required by law.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS residing at the property: be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after 1 October 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon ten (10) days' written notice to the landlord. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This the 11th day of February, 2016.

Chris Kremer, Substitute Trustee 120 West Pennsylvania Avenue Suite 48 Southern Pines, NC 28387 Telephone (919) 478-5284 Publish: March 2, 9, 2016 52-1C

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Pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 105-375(c), notice is hereby given to: ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF RODNEY LOCKLEAR, JR., including all unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors, debtors, and all those claiming by and through the Estate of Rodney Locklear, Jr., that a judgment of foreclosure will be docketed against the property described below on March 15, 2016.

Property Description: PIN: 38492-00-01-018

"BEGINNING at a new corner in the center of the sandclay road that leads northwardly through the land from which this is taken, where said road intersects or crosses the southern line of the land of which this is a part, and runs as the said sandclay road N 6° E 1738 feet to a new corner in the center of said road, which point is 116 feet South 6° W from the northwest corner of the tract of land from which this tract is taken; thence as the outside line S 21-45° W 1782 feet to a stake; thence another outside line S 9-30° W 204 feet to a stake; thence a third outside line N 75-45° E 555 feet to the beginning containing ELEVEN (11 a) ACRES, more or less, according to a survey and map made by Robt. H. Gatlin in January 1950, and being all of that portion lying west of the center-line of said sandclay road that is described in and conveyed by a deed registered in Book # 82 at page 144 of said Hoke County Public Registry, to which reference is hereby made. The above lands described were conveyed

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Property Description: PIN: 58477-00-01-089

"ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN HOKE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF N.C. ROAD NO. 1225, SAID STAKE BEING EAST 204.3 FEET FROM A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF SAID N.C. ROAD NO. 1225, SAID POINT BEING SOUTH 86 DEGREES EAST 750 FEET FROM A POINT IN THE INTERSECTION OF N.C. ROADS 1228 AND 1225; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 100 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 65 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 79 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 65 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, BEING A PORTION OF THE GARLAND CHAMBERS' 70 ACRE TRACT AS RECORDED IN BOOK 90 AT PAGE 365, HOKE COUNTY REGISTRY.

ADDRESS: 3426 ASHEMONT RD., RAEFORD, NC 28376 TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO.: 58477-00-01-089"

Execution will be issued on the judgment and the property will be sold as provided by law. The tax lien, including interests and costs, may be paid before the judgment is docketed and at any time thereafter as allowed by law.

Daphne Graham Dudley, Tax Collector, County of Hoke February 15, 2016 February 24th, 2016 & March 2nd, 2016 51-52C

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Property Description: PIN: 39403-00-01-053

"THIRD TRACT: LYING in Blue Springs Township and BEGINNING AT A STAKE WITH PINE POINTERS WHICH IS THE SOUTHERN-MOST CORNER OF THE Mayme McCormick Tract 2 and runs as and with her line N 36-15 E 13.11 chains to an iron with gum pointer, a corner of the Vashiti Allmond land; thence S 19-50 E 18.70 chains to a stake in the field; thence S 29-15 W 12.30 chain to a stake in a ditch; thence as and with the ditch the following courses and distances: N 12 W 0.73 chains; thence N 20 W 5.35 chains; thence N 38-30 W 4.06 chains; thence leaving the ditch N 26-40 W 3.45 chains to the BEGINNING, and containing 13.2 acres, more or less.

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# Debate

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## Explanations, clarifications

There were a few discussion topics and statements made during the debate that could benefit from further explanation or clarification.

## Building a new high school

In one of the first debate questions given to the Hoke County Commission candidates, commission Chairman James Leach responded that it is the school board's decision to ask commissioners to fund construction of new schools. The Hoke County school board has not brought forward a plan to build a new high school, Leach said.

To clarify, the Hoke County Board of Education has presented to commissioners a project for a proposed third campus addition at Hoke County High School, not an entirely new high school. The proposed \$50 million-plus school expansion would include a new gym with swimming pool, new cafeteria, new classrooms for career and technical education and more office space, among other offerings. However, it would be considered part of the existing campus and would not be an entirely new school.

Additionally, Leach said that it would cost taxpayers a 19-cent tax increase to build an entirely new high school.

"Keep in mind, to build a new high school today would cost you about 19 cents on the tax rate," which would raise Hoke County's ad valorem tax rate to 94 cents and could potentially present difficulties for Hoke's taxpayers and business development, Leach said.

The Board of Education has not publicly requested funding for a new high school. The school board's presentation and request for funding for the proposed third campus at the existing Hoke County High School included a property tax rate increase of anywhere from five cents to nine cents, depending on the financing and other options, and a voter referendum on a half-cent sales tax increase.

## Sewer lines in the county

Another question posed to the Hoke County commission candidates regarded the availability of county sewer service: why it's available for some residents and not others.

"There are so many segments of the county that don't have connec-

tion to the sewer system, while new houses and communities are being built right in the same area that offer connection for them, but not the existing houses. How can this be, and how do you fix that?"

To clarify, a utilities engineer explained the reasons why some residents in Hoke County, especially in places like the Rockfish community, may be seeing new housing developments built with sewer access while their own existing homes are not offered sewer connections.

When a new housing development is under construction, it's easy for the developer to pay to hook all of the new houses in to the county's sewer system. The sewer lines are laid in before the developer paves the street, installs the sidewalks and sets out the turf for the lawns, and then the developer passes the cost of installing the sewer lines on to the homebuyer in the purchase price of the house. The developer is able to recoup the extra money spent on the sewer hookups, and the homebuyers are able to include the cost in their typical home financing.

In comparison, running sewer to existing homes can be difficult even if the lines have been installed in the nearby area and are available to provide service. If one person in a subdivision wants sewer service, the installation process could involve tearing up sidewalks in the entire subdivision to run the line to that one house, which isn't financially feasible. Everyone in a subdivision would essentially have to agree to pay the cost to hook on to the sewer line, which can be thousands of dollars per household as an upfront cost. If there are people in the housing development who don't want county sewer and protest having to pay for hooking onto the line, it can hold up the process even further.

Additionally, it can be difficult to run sewer to individual freestanding homes due to the cost of extending lines to a specific location. Sewer lines are expensive - in the millions of dollars for every mile of pipeline - and expansion projects typically require approval by the Local Government Commission before the state gives counties permission to proceed with construction.

It also has to do with how sewer systems are funded. They are operated through the Enterprise Fund, meaning that they must take in enough money from customers to pay for themselves without using money from property taxes just to keep going. Sewer systems must have enough customers to be able to pay for service so that the bills can be

maintained at a low enough rate that customers can afford to pay them and keep the system running. Typically, municipalities must borrow money or seek grants to fund construction or expansion of sewer lines, and one of the biggest factors the Local Government Commission considers in deciding whether to allow a sewer expansion is whether there will be enough customers hooking on to the potential expansion for the municipality to recoup the cost based on those new customers' bill payments.

Hoke County currently does not have funding available for another sewer expansion. The county would have to seek out funding through loans and grants before it could pursue additional sewer expansion work.

Another consideration for why new construction homes are receiving sewer service is that some areas of Hoke County fall within a mandatory services area, in which all new construction must hook on to the new sewer system. There are ways developers can seek an exception to the rule, but for the most part, new housing built in those areas will be required to hook on to sewer.

## There is a movement for doing away with District 16A

During the debate for district attorney, Newton mentioned working against a movement in North Carolina that would consolidate some districts, resulting in having fewer district attorneys.

To provide additional background information in regards to this: In 2011, some state legislators proposed consolidating judicial and prosecutorial districts in multiple locations in North Carolina, including Hoke County. At the time, Newton and several other district attorneys and other elected officials protested the potential move. The issue came up again in 2013 when some lawmakers wanted to merge Hoke and Scotland with Stanly and Montgomery counties, leaving one district attorney for all four counties. Ultimately, the legislators chose to merge the judicial districts of those counties but left the prosecutorial offices alone at that time.

## Legal experience needed

Newton also mentioned during the debate that experience in the legal field is important to the role of being a district attorney, especially in that attorneys must have worked a specific number of cases to verdict before they are allowed to work on certain types of cases, such as



Newton addresses the crowd.

cases where the death penalty is a possibility. Newton explained after the debate that she was referring to Indigent Defense Services (IDS) requirements for defense counsel.

It has to do with changes to how the system works, she said.

"In 'the old days', any licensed attorney could appear as counsel in a capital case (or any other case for that matter) by simply informing the court that he/she wished to do so. A list of those attorneys was kept at the local level and, when such a case arose, the presiding Judge appointed the next attorney whose name appeared on the list. There really weren't any requirements for lawyers other than a law degree and license," Newton explained. "Several years ago, that changed dramatically. When IDS (Indigent Defense Services) was created, guidelines and rules were established to set parameters or standards for attorneys in certain cases (this includes not only capital cases but also other felony cases as well)."

Additionally, judges are no longer completely responsible for appointing counsel in murder cases. IDS now approves counsel for capital case work and makes the appointment of counsel in those cases, and so will only appoint attorneys to those positions if they meet the IDS requirements.

"Those guidelines/standards are quite rigorous, as all in the legal community know the value of having fully competent counsel involved when dealing with such serious matters," Newton wrote in an email.

The specific IDS instructions state that a potential counsel for a capital trial must have tried at least 10 cases to a jury verdict, have been a trial lawyer for at least six years or have been specializing in trial work for a minimum of four years as a prosecutor, public defender, or for a capital defense organization, among many other requirements.



## Orators recite

Winning fourth-grade orators from each Hoke elementary school performed their speeches on "An Interesting Landmark in North Carolina" February 23. Alyvia McKenzie (front row, left to right), Raley Edwards, Chanelle Lott, Latevias Cunningham; (back row) Diana Johnson, Jakob Roth, Kaitlyn Cook and Caroline Jones all performed from memory.



## Sandy Grove Elementary winners

Sandy Grove Elementary Science Fair winners were Layla Foos (Make the Wind Work for You), Damien Jones (Alka-Seltzer Lava Lamps) and Ashton Caulder (What Keeps Fresh Cut Flowers Living Longer).

## School Briefs

### West Hoke Middle holds 'living museum'

West Hoke Middle School will again hold a living museum, and the public is invited. Eighth grade students will reenact figures from history during the March 10 event.

The museum will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the school

in applying for this scholarship can obtain an application packet from the financial aid office at their local community college. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Hoke County Center, at 910-875-3461, or by visiting the Center at 116 West Prospect Avenue.

### Scholarship offered

Nominations are being sought for a \$750 scholarship offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association through 4 p.m. on Friday, March 10. The scholarship is available to North Carolina residents pursuing a college degree in business or a business-related field of study. Applicants must be enrolled to attend classes at a college during the 2016-2017 school year.

Qualified applicants interested

### Volleyball sponsorship sought

Fifteen-year-old Xiamana Spikes, formerly of Raeford, now with the Jammers Volleyball Club in Durham for two years, is working to help the club continue to make scholarship opportunities available for young people. She and her mother, Charmaine McPhaul, are seeking contributions at 2912 Landing Falls Lane, Raleigh, NC 27616.

## Awards

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Feature Writing and second place in News Coverage.

The News-Journal competes among newspapers with a circulation of between about 3,500 and 10,000. The contests are judged by press associations from other states.

The News-Journal has won

21 awards from the state press association in the last five years, in categories ranging from general excellence and community service to investigative reporting and feature writing.

The state press association presented the awards at a banquet February 25 in Chapel Hill.

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# Maternity

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and spacious private rooms with in-room showers and extra seating for family members.

However, while business is booming in the healthcare pavilion's emergency room and outpatient offices, the labor and delivery department is still a

work in progress. Administrators are still trying to hire the right personnel for that part of the hospital, officials reported.

"It's still in the works, mostly due to trying to staff it," spokesperson Vincent Benbenek said.

The Health Pavilion Hoke offers outpatient OB/GYN care

and can provide labor and delivery services at the Cape Fear Valley hospital in Fayetteville.

Besides the outpatient services adjacent to the hospital, the hospital itself offers 24-hour

emergency room care, imaging and laboratory services, physical and occupational therapy and more. The hospital's pharmacy is also open to serve customers.

# Fire

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Amber Britt, 23, and Tyron Davis, 28, were renting the house from the owner at the time of the fire, Johnson reported. The fire displaced Bauch, Britt and Davis and the American Red Cross was assisting them with immediate lodging and

personal needs, he said.

Puppy Creek, Hillcrest, Rockfish, Stonewall and Stoney Point fire departments responded to the scene, along with support units from the sheriff's office, Hoke Rescue Squad and Cape Fear Valley EMS.

# Voting

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District 21.

A last-minute change in the state's Congressional districts meant that, although Hoke voters will see races for District 2 and District 7 on the primary ballot, the county is now part of District 8 and any votes cast in that race will not be counted. A

Congressional primary is set for June 7, with a new March 16-27 filing period set for candidates in those races.

Voters in North Carolina must present valid I.D. to cast ballots in the elections this year, with some exceptions allowed. For information on the voter I.D. law, visit <http://voterid.nc.gov/>.

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# Fire Leach

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fear that county employees feel due to working in a political environment, the new positions that are created for special people, and we are going to stop the racial divisions that James Leach likes to play. As a black man, I am not falling for his tricks and games," Wilson said.

Leach said that the allegations were about politics.

"It's political and this is what some folks enjoy doing, but the citizens of our great county know better and will go out starting March 3 and do the right thing," he said.

He and the PAC president are not acquainted, Leach added.

"Mr. Wilson doesn't know me at all and I don't know him, so there's no way Mr. Wilson can come out and make these allegations he made," he said.

Asked if he could pursue legal action of some sort regarding the website, the commissioner said he has spoken with people who advised him on that possibility.

"There's some action I can take, some pretty serious action," he said.

Wilson said that, if it becomes a court case, he would provide evidence to back up the allegations made on the website.

"I have heard people on Facebook talking about filing a lawsuit against me for slander because of

the website fireleach.com. If they do, I look forward to presenting all of the evidence that I have against Leach to prove that the information is all true and not slander," he said.

Hoke Citizens United registered in February as a political action committee, and as long as the group puts its name on the signs, the signs are legal, according to elections officials.

"Hoke Citizens United was founded in 2016 with the purpose of electing candidates to local office that share our values," Wilson stated on the website. "We have crooked people in our county government and we will not stop until they are all out! We are not afraid to stand up to anyone who is doing wrong."

The group is meant to focus on voter education, both before each election and during the year, he said. The large military population in the county means that many people "don't know what's going on in Hoke County politics," Wilson wrote.

Wilson reported that, as of Tuesday, many of the fireleach.com signs had been vandalized.

"Many of our signs have been destroyed or stolen. We have found many of our signs in a drainage ditch where someone dumped them. We also found a piece of wood that was attached to one of our larger signs there in the ditch as well," he said.

The group will press vandalism charges if they find the person or persons responsible, he added.

Political signs from both Leach's campaign and Hoke Citizens United that were located on city property on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue were taken down Monday at the decision of Raeford City Manager Dennis Baxley.

"I had the signs removed on the corner," he said. "Nobody has permission to put signs up on our property."

The city has gotten some phone calls over the Hoke Citizens United signs, Baxley said.

"There's been a mixed bag of reactions," he said.

Leach has served on the commission for more than 20 years, and has served as chairman for many recent years. He additionally serves on several regional boards, and is pastor of a local church.

Incumbents Leach and Wright are running for reelection against candidates Alston and Lonnie Baldwin. All four are Democrats. The two winners of the March primary will go on to face Republican candidate William "Brownie" Brown in the General Election in November.

Early voting begins Thursday and continues through Saturday, March 12, with the primary election set for Tuesday, March 15.

# Real Estate Transfers

The following are deeds recorded by the Hoke Register of Deeds Office:  
**Feb. 19**

Lot 57 The Highlands at Bedford Phase 1, from Caviness & Cates Building and Development Company to Ekow Yawson  
**Feb. 22**

Lot 206 The Hollies at Westgate Section 2 Part 2, from Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Hugo W. Fierro Rodriguez

Property at Central Avenue and Racket Alley, from The Johnson Company to American Offroad, LLC

Lot 10 The Midlands at Bedford Phase 1, from H&H Constructors of Fayetteville, LLC to Daniel C. Cruzen

Lot 64 The Hollies at Westgate Sec. 2 Pt. 3 From D. Ralph Huff to The County of Hoke

Lot 11 Bridgeport Section 1, from Candace Cirrone to Daniel Robles Rodriguez

Lots 7 & 12 Pinetops, from Bobby Locklear to Maebuilt, Inc.  
**Feb. 23**

2.0 Acres, from Deborah G.

Turner Crawford to R.G. Williams Construction Company, Inc.

Lot 73 Mayfield Section 2, from Jason Daniel Summerville to Bryan T. Buser

Lot 54 The Highlands at Bedford Phase 1, from Cates Building Inc. to Christian C. Gilfranco  
**Feb. 24**

Lot 29 The Midlands at Bedford Phase 1, from H & H Constructors, Inc. to Christopher A. Alarcon

Lot 441 Riverbrooke Section 4, from H&H Onsite Homes, LLC to Michael S. Mellons

Lot 26 Spring Valley, from Andrea Lynn Nipper to Timothy R. Coutant

Lot 8 Windward Oaks Section 2 Part 1, from Jeffrey Michaud to John Scott Longtin  
**Feb. 25**

Lot 7 Eagles Ridge Section 1, from Danielle Bone to Chelitz M. Pitt

Unspecified, from Clyde K. Atkins to Boxer Bull Trucking LLC

Lot 227 Summerfield East Section 4, from Christopher Mills Winkler to Antonio M. Sutton

Lot 111 Country Walk Phase 2B,

from Jordan A. Brown to Timothy D. Brown

18 Acres Trace Slide 2-11 Map 004, from Woodrow Walton Locklear to Kim Locklear

10.828 Acres, from Woodrow Walton Locklear to Bobbie Jo Locklear  
**Feb. 26**

Lot 38 English Farms Section 2, from Lacrystal S. Matlock to Isabel Francon

Lot 49 Tumberry Section 1 Part 5, from H&H Constructors, Inc. to Gary Rowe

4 Lots, from Gregory W. Floyd to H&H Constructors, Inc.

Lot 28 Oakview Estates Phase 1, from Crispin Bear to Oliverio Jr. Flores

Lot 42 Timber Ridge, from Andrew Laboon to Amber L. Carroll

3 Tracts, from Manley George Torres to Mark Anthony Jones

Lot 50 Riverbrooke Section 1 Part 2, from Fred Nelson Jr. to Amanda B. Wendenburg

3 Tracts, from Mary F. Dalton to Edgard V. III Edens

.71 Acres, from Alan Brunnet to Jacob James Brunnet

# Military Briefs

## Thompson completes basic training

U.S. Army Pvt. Malik Q. Thompson has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Thompson is the nephew of Heidi and Rick Rodriguez of Raeford. He graduated in 2015 from Hoke High School.

## Colon completes basic training

U.S. Army Pvt. Navia V. Colon has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic

combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Colon is the daughter of Hazel and Julio Colon of Raeford. She graduated in 2015 from Hoke High School.

## Hines completes basic training

U.S. Army Pvt. Jeremiah M. Hines has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Hines is the son of Ken in the Davis of Raeford. He is a 2015 graduate of Hoke High School.

## Robin Sage in progress

This month, Special Forces candidates will participate in the Robin Sage training exercise, held within 19 North Carolina counties as the final test of their Special Forces Qualification Course training.

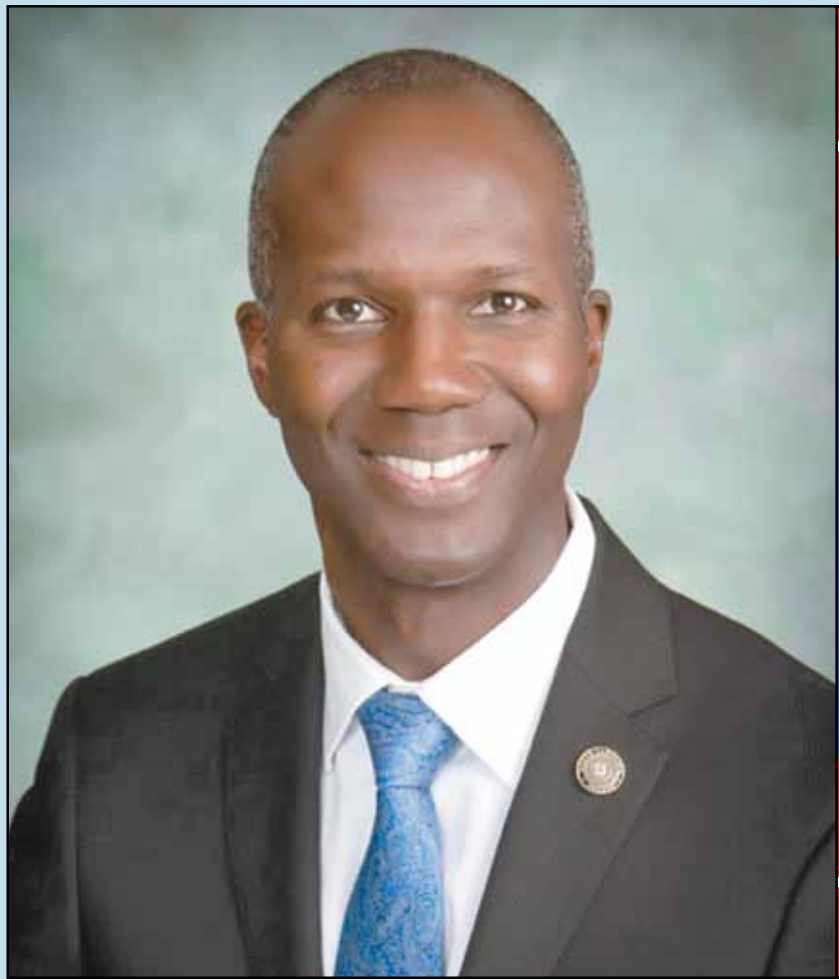
Through March 14, students will participate in this exercise before graduating the course and moving on to their first assignments in the Army's Special Forces community. The participants are students at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, the Army's Special Operations Center of Excellence, based in Fort Bragg.

Throughout the exercise, Special Forces candidates and Robin Sage role-players not only conduct training missions, such as controlled assaults and key-leader engagements, but also live, eat and sleep in civilian areas including Hoke County.

All Robin Sage movements and events have been coordinated with public safety officials throughout and within the towns and counties hosting the training. Residents may hear blank gunfire and see occasional flares. Controls are in place to ensure there is no risk to persons or property. Residents with concerns should contact local law enforcement officials who will immediately contact exercise control officials.



**Flock swap**  
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