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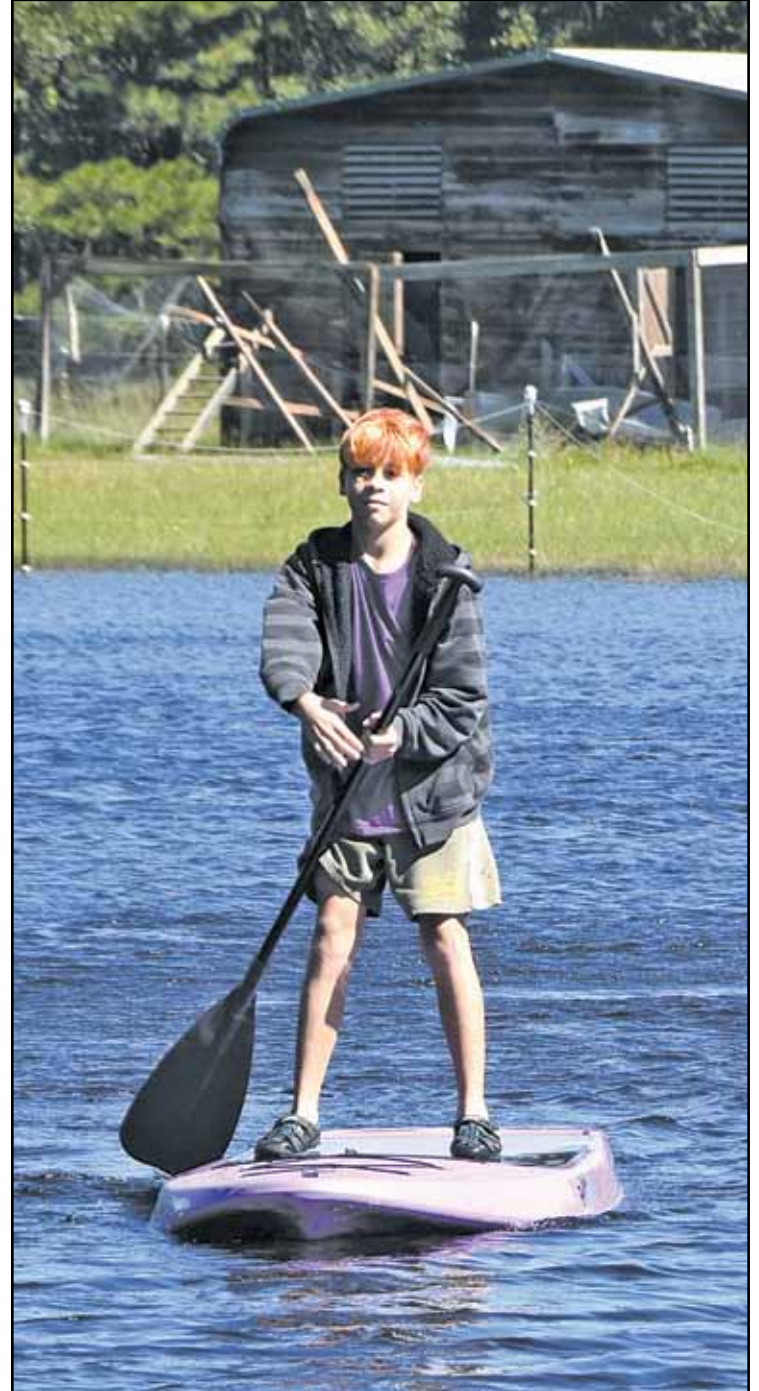
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The 'hardest part' starts Recovery begins after Hurricane Matthew strikes



One organization the county's needy turn to felt the full brunt of Hurricane Matthew—the H.E.L.P. store on Central Avenue (left). The storm peeled back the building's roof, depositing ceiling tiles onto clothes and supplies. 12-year-old Samuel Young (right) made the best of things, paddling his board across a field beside his yard on Balfour Road. (Ken MacDonald photos)

'What we do for our citizens now is going to define us, period'

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

The storm might be over, but the hardest part is still to come.

"It's the recovery phase that's the hardest. That's what we're fixing to start," Hoke

County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Director Maj. Freddy Johnson told county officials Monday morning.

Hurricane Matthew sideswiped North Carolina Saturday, bringing strong winds and heavy rain to an area that just a week earlier saw historic amounts of rainfall.

The back-to-back hits took a toll on Hoke County, leaving behind washed-out roads, thousands without power and water, and a long list of logistical problems for officials trying to get the county back to normal.

Hoke received over 10 inches of rain for the second time in two weeks, with some

residents in the eastern and southern areas of the county reporting their rain gauges caught upwards of 12 or even 14 inches of rainfall from the storm. Winds gusted up to 40 miles an hour, tearing down trees that also took power lines down with them.

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Top: Second Harvest Food Bank volunteers give out food and water at McLauchlin School—and talk about the storm. Left: Lines formed at gas pumps early in the week after the storm passed. On Monday, police had to direct traffic at some stations. Many people came from other towns. (Ken MacDonald photos)

How to help

Residents who made it through the storm and who want to help local flood victims can donate items or money to support recovery efforts.

Donations of bottled water and nonperishable food can be made to the

Hoke County Department of Social Services, which reopened Tuesday. The phone number to contact for more information is (910) 878-1974.

Donations of money can go to the American (See **DONATE**, page 6)

A little Facebook inspiration

Serena Harding
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My heart truly aches for the people who are without basic necessities. At work today, the busiest I've ever seen, I still found myself almost in tears, when a customer "paid it forward", his meal was \$8 and some change, he paid for the lady behind him which was \$26 and change. It was so sweet to see her reaction, she was very grateful, and kept asking if I was serious. So I get off work, stop at the store, and over hear a family discussing their needs in the parking lot. I couldn't not help. I tell them, go in the store get ANYTHING they needed, I will pay for it, the 1st thing they pick up is milk for the baby. The little \$26 n change I spent on this family filled my heart with such joy. We both walked out crying, we hugged and went our separate ways. I didn't want a thank you, I'm just happy I was able to help a family in true need. Those tears were real, the need was real, and I thank God for putting me there at that moment to help that family! #HeDidThat #HelpingOthersBringsMeJoy #ImGrateful #TheNumber26 #TearsOfJoyAndSadness

A bit of inspiration from Serena Harding, a Raeford native.



BROWSING THE FILES

47 Years Ago October 16, 1969

Some 50 people turn up at the county courthouse to show support for a local sales tax. Other than local officials, most attend at the urging of Schools Superintendent Donald Abernethy, and support the option because it benefits schools and would hopefully allow lowering property taxes. They also see garbage dumps in the county's future.

District Court Judge J.E. Dupree hands down several "stiff" sentences to convicted impaired drivers. He says it's time to get serious about the offense. A Fayetteville man gets

his third conviction for driving under the influence and is sentenced to two years in jail for two convictions, sentences that are suspended. He's put on five years probation.

The Hoke High Bucks defeat the 71st Falcons Friday 14-0. The victory puts the Bucks at 3-3 for the season. The main gun for the Bucks is running halfback Larry Fellows. He gains 106 yards rushing.

25 Years Ago October 16, 1991

With Hoke's new zoning ordinance, mobile home dealers say the wait for a home is so long it will put them out of business. The Hoke

Planning and Development Commission is looking into a change to reduce the wait.

Raeford City Council will decide Turlington School's future one day before the election that will decide most of their fates. Despite opposition from people who live near the school, the Planning and Development Commission approves a plan to use the school for offices, recreation and the community college. Middle school students now at the school will soon move to the new West Hoke Middle School.

With a new part-time manager, the H.E.L.P. store has its feet firmly on the ground. Nora Cockburn begins work Thursday.

How old is your smoke detector?

Does your home have a working smoke alarm? According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the answer is likely yes: NFPA research shows that most American homes have at least one. But do you know how old your smoke alarms are? If you're like most people, you're probably not sure.

A recent survey conducted by NFPA revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. That lack of awareness is a concern for the Raeford Fire Department along with fire departments throughout Hoke County, because smoke alarms don't last forever.

"Time and again, I've seen the life-saving impact smoke alarms can have in a home fire, but I've also seen the tragedy that can result when smoke alarms aren't working properly," says Charles Tapp, chief of the Raeford Fire Department. "That's why we're making an effort to educate residents of Raeford and Hoke County about the overall importance of smoke alarms, and they do have a life limit."

The Raeford Fire Department recommends smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years but, because the public is generally unaware of this, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk of them possibly not working properly.

The department, along with NFPA, is promoting this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," to better educate the public about the critical importance of knowing how old their smoke alarms are and replacing them once they're 10 years old. Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15.

To find out how old your smoke alarm is, look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from the date of original installation. The Raeford Fire Department also says smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and that batteries should be replaced at least once a year or when they begin to chirp, signaling you that they're running

low. Remember, a new home with electric smoke alarms still have batteries in them for backup when power is out.

Call the Raeford Volunteer Fire Department at 910-875-5150 and arrange for them to come out to your home and check your smoke alarms. They will replace the batteries and/or install a new smoke alarm to make sure you are protected from fires in your home. If you contact them back after 12 months, they will also come and re-install new batteries annually for you. Upon your request, they will also perform a fire safety inspection on your home while they are there. If you don't live inside the City limits of Raeford, contact your local Fire Department and ask them to assist you with checking your smoke alarms.

Also, have you considered volunteering in your community? Tapp says the department would like to talk to you about that also. "There is no better feeling than being able to help your fellow neighbor in their time of need during an emergency." If you do not get an answer, please leave a message; someone will call you back.

NAACP president to speak

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the N.C. NAACP and leader of the Moral Monday Movement, will be the featured speaker at the "Moral March to the Polls Rally and Tour Stop" Sunday, October 30 at 5 p.m. at

Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College. The rally is for citizens of Chatham, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph and surrounding counties.

Barber will address defending the right to vote in North Caro-

lina, expanding voting rights for all people, and race-based redistricting.

The event is sponsored by Democracy N.C., the N.C. NAACP, and the Moore County NAACP.



Barber



SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

Philippi Presbyterian Church
128th Year Anniversary Homecoming
October 16, 11 a.m. (covered dish to follow)

Rockfish Church of God
22nd Annual Homecoming Celebration
October 16, 11 a.m.

Trunk-O-Treat (no demonic costumes)
October 29, 6 - 9 p.m.

Pastor and Family Appreciation Day
November 6, 11 a.m.

Word of Life Temple, Inc.

Christian Skate Night
October 20, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Usher Board Service
October 23, 3 p.m.

Youth Sunday
October 30
Hallelujah Night (no demonic costumes)

October 31, 6 - 8 p.m.
Christmas Party (\$20)
December 10, 6 p.m.

Faith Tabernacle Glorious Church

3G Project and Family Harvest Festival
October 31, 6 - 8 p.m.

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Gift of camp

The "Munson Minions," as they're known, turned over several hundred dollars to Camp Monroe so that a child can go to camp next summer. They raised the money with a fun run held last month at Godwin Archery, a sponsor. Accepting the money is camp director Andrew Plyler. The Minions are Justice (left to right), Max, Aurora, Liberty and Freedom (in car seat).

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.

October 13, 18, 22 & 27

FAMILIES ALL READ (F.A.R.) is a Smart Start program designed to encourage families to go F.A.R. reading together. Children 0 up to 5 will receive a free book when accompanied by a parent and an additional book on their 5th visit and thereafter. For more information, call the Hoke County Public Library at 875 - 2502. Our October programs are: October 13, 6:30 p.m. - FUN FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN LITERACY WORKSHOP; October 18, 6:30 p.m. - FALL FUN!; October 22, 2 p.m. - MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!; October 27, 6:30 p.m. - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

October 13

WEST HOKE MIDDLE FIRST PTO MEETING will be held at West Hoke Middle School in the gym from 6-7 p.m. We will have light refreshments. There is a \$5.00 fee to join. We accept cash or check.

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.

October 18

Hoke County Parks & Recreation trip to the NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR with leaving the parking lot at 7 a.m. and returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$15.00 per person (transportation). Money is NON-REFUNDABLE. Senior citizens 65 and up admission will be free, teens and adults ages 13-64 admission will be \$10 and children 6-12 admission will be \$5. If you or someone you know is interested, please come by the office to pay and sign up. The deadline was October 5, 2016.

October 29

DIABETES HEALTH SYMPOSIUM will be held in the senior room at L.E. McLaughlin Building from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. sponsored by the Hoke Public Health Advisory Council.

October 30

"MORAL MARCH TO THE POLLS RALLY" featuring Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the NC NAACP, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Sandhills Community College, Owens Auditorium, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst. The event is for all citizens of Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, Lee, Randolph and Richmond counties. He will address defending the right to vote in NC, expanding voting rights, race-based redistricting, and other efforts that undermine equal protection under the law. Learn how to get involved in the "It's Our Time, It's Our Vote" campaign to make recent historic court victories against voter suppression real at the ballot box. The event is sponsored by Democracy NC, the NC NAACP, and the Moore County NAACP, a non-partisan, issues-oriented organization whose mission is to ensure the equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination.

News-Journal to again publish most popular section

The News-Journal office will again be crowded as some 150 families make their way to the paper over five days this Halloween season for the annual Costume Contest. Thousands look forward to the newspaper special edition with photos of the contestants and winners.

Goblins, superheros, fairies and pumpkins will have their photos made free of charge.

It's the newspaper's most popular time of the year as everyone looks forward to seeing the photos of the costumes.

Parents are encouraged to begin making or select-

ing their children's costumes early and to avoid the crowds by having their children's photos taken early. Picture days this year are Oct. 12-13 from 8-5 p.m., Oct. 14 from 8-noon & Oct. 19-20 from 8-5 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The paper will provide a small candy gift for participants,

and then print their pictures in a special tabloid Nov. 2 that will be included with that week's edition of *The News-Journal*.

Advertisers are encouraged to make reservations soon with sales rep Hal Nunn. It's one of the paper's most-read and anticipated features. Call 875-2121.

PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN
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When water comes back on, you gotta boil it

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Many Hoke County utilities customers were left without water service for several days after Hurricane Matthew hit because some of the pump stations lost power, according to officials.

More than 6,500 customers lost water service after the storm, according to Hoke County Utilities Director Hilton Villines. Workers were in the field Sunday

attempting to restore service, and about 800 people in Arabia and Antioch were among the first to get their water back on.

"They got power there, the water's flowing there," Villines said Monday afternoon.

The rest of the water system was up and running Tuesday morning, Hoke County Manager Letitia Edens said. All residents now have access to water, but for people still without power to run their water heaters, it was cold

water only, she said.

Boil water advisory

The county—along with Northwest and Hillcrest water services—issued a voluntary boil water advisory October 9 for county residents who lost water service. The advisory was just a precaution and not mandatory, Villines said.

"We put it out so people would be cautious for safety reasons," he said.

At the time the advisory was

issued, officials weren't sure how long the power would be out and how long the system would sit idle. But at least some of the pumps got power back within two days, officials reported.

Mandatory boil water orders are only implemented when there's a risk of coliform bacteria in the water. That wasn't the case here, and there wasn't any issue with contamination, Villines said.

Residents on the city of Raeford's water system also didn't

need to boil their water, according to city manager Dennis Baxley.

Utilities officials were waiting to get water test results back from a laboratory before deciding whether to drop or extend the boil water advisory. The test results were expected back by 1 p.m. Wednesday.

During the service outage, grocery store shelves went bare of bottled water as the wait for water service restoration stretched out for several days. At the Food

Lion on Cole Avenue in Raeford, the store brought in a pallet full of bottled water Monday afternoon and gave it away in the parking lot for free to help storm victims.

The county Department of Social Services also started collecting donations of bottled water, along with nonperishable food, to help residents who were still without water service.

Tuesday afternoon, bottled water was being sent to volunteer fire departments in areas affected worst.

Roads take big hit in storm

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Just days after Department of Transportation workers were able to reopen some of the roads flooded by historic rainfall, many of the same roads—along with dozens of others—were closed again by flooding, fallen trees and downed power lines from Hurricane Matthew.

As of Tuesday, the North Carolina Department of Transportation reported that Gillis Hill Road, Galatia Church Road, Pittman Grove Church Road, Rockfish Road, Club Pond Road, L. McLaughlin Road, Potter Road, Old Wire Road and Palmer Street all suffered damage or flooding and were closed in some locations. Johnson Mill Road, which was seriously damaged in the 200-year rainfall event September 29, remained closed in two places.

Gillis Hill Road at the Hoke/Cumberland County line joined the list of roads on the waiting list for extensive repairs. The road broke apart in raging floodwaters around the 3200 block, leaving a deep, wide hole in the roadbed. C.C. Steele Road in Hoke County also washed out, leaving the county solid waste department scrambling to find ways to deal with residents' trash disposal without being able to access the landfill and transfer station.

Besides the roads listed as closed by the DOT, the Hoke County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division also posted a document with additional road issues. As of Tuesday afternoon, the list included 30 roads with issues such as flooding, sinkholes, total washouts of the roadway, and downed trees and

power lines. Many other roads that were temporarily blocked by trees were reopened Monday or Tuesday as crews with chainsaws worked to clear the debris.

Crawford Wright Road developed a sinkhole in both lanes at the Crawford Wright Pond, where the heavy rainfall caused the pond to overflow the dam. Arabia Road, which was impassible Saturday due to the floodwaters, developed multiple sinkholes.

At North Old Wire Road near Dundarrach, officials noted that "half the road is missing."

Other roads weren't damaged, but tangled trees and power lines made crossing them difficult to impossible.

Some roads that were not marked as closed still had obstacles blocking the way. On Club Pond Road, some drivers dared to creep around low-hanging wires from a downed power line that crossed the roadway just above vehicles' rooftops. Drivers on Main Street in Raeford and on Turnpike Road near Upchurch Elementary School both slowed down to sneak past—or under—low-hanging trees that leaned over the roads.

Work crews were out assessing the damage after the storm, but an estimated time for repairs was not immediately available due to the extent of the damage.

To check updates on road closures, visit the DOT's website at <https://tims.ncdot.gov/tims/RegionSummary.aspx?co=47> or the local emergency management road closures list available at <http://tinyurl.com/hj8thr6>. The News-Journal will also try to keep road status updated on our Facebook page.

Schools lose power, close for a week

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Some Hoke County schools were left without power after Hurricane Matthew and a few suffered minor damage from the storm, according to school officials.

Hoke County Schools closed for students the week of October 10-14, with the days designated as optional teacher workdays for staff. Staff members who couldn't make it in to work due to damaged homes, flooded driveways or other storm-related problems will have a chance to make up the time so they won't have to use an annual leave day, according to the school system.

The school system released students early Friday, October 7 as the hurricane approached the North Carolina coast.

Students will have to make up the missed days, along with making up some of the time off from the previous rainfall and flooding that closed schools at the end of September. October 28, originally scheduled as an early release day for students and a half-day of professional development for staff, will be a full day for students. Information on makeup days for this week's absences was not yet available.

Updates on school closings can be found online on the Hoke County Schools website, <http://www.hcs.k12.nc.us/>, and The News-Journal will also continue posting updates on closings and delays on its Facebook page.

Storm damage

Some Hoke County schools suffered minor damage from the storm.

At Hoke County High School, strong winds ripped the vinyl siding off of some classrooms on the Gibson side of campus. Upchurch Elementary was without electricity for several days after a tree on Turnpike Road crashed down, taking a long stretch of the power lines with it. East Hoke Middle School was still without power Tuesday, but officials hoped to get the power back on at all county schools by the end of the day.

Workers took down over 500 ceiling tiles at Don Steed Elementary as a precaution as the storm approached. The elementary school, which is eight years old, has had problems with a leaky roof from the very beginning, officials reported. After the 200-year rain event that hit Hoke County September 29, workers had to replace nearly 600 of the ceiling tiles and clear out classrooms that flooded.

However, none of the damage appeared bad enough that it would require significant repairs, according to Hoke County Schools Director of Public Information Jodie Bryant.

"Overall, our schools really held up pretty well in the storm," she said Tuesday.

A few schools did suffer broken fences due to fallen trees, Bryant said.

Many school sports events were canceled or rescheduled due to the devastation in the region.



Oakwood Avenue, behind old Johnson Concrete, was destroyed at its lowest point. (Ken MacDonald photo)

One garbage site open, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., washed-out road closes county landfill

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Hoke County's solid waste department was left with a lot of trash and nowhere to put it this week after flooding from Hurricane Matthew destroyed the road to the county landfill, leaving officials scrambling to find a temporary solution.

C.C. Steele Road was left with a 10-foot-deep hole in the roadbed, making it impossible for trash trucks to access the transfer station, county solid waste director Don Russell said Monday.

"That was the only one thing out there that could put us out of commission. Anything else would have been just a glitch, but the road's washed completely out," he said. "We can't get in, we can't get out, and that's the only disposal facility. All the trash in Hoke County comes through us."

Russell and his staff were working Tuesday on a temporary fix. Power was back on at the Scurlock convenience site, which was upgraded just a few years ago and is the most modern site available.

"It's the largest site, it's the most centrally located...we've got more capacity there than anywhere in the county," Russell said.

The plan as of Tuesday was to get the Scurlock convenience site up and running and then try to process an entire county's worth of solid waste through it.

"If we can keep it open, keep the cans empty, people in this county will have somewhere to take trash. That's the best we got right now," Russell said.

The county announced it would open the Scurlock site at 6 a.m. Wednesday and keep it open until 10 p.m.

Once trash goes through the compactor at the Scurlock site, the county can transport the trash to the landfill in Fayetteville. But it's a long drive, especially with roads out, so it may take up to three hours for each trip, Russell said. Unfortunately, Robeson County landfill is down right now, and the Moore County landfill won't take trash from Hoke County because they don't have a permit for it, he added.

The department was also working on getting two trucks in service to transport the trash to Fayetteville.

"Two trucks are stuck in the landfill. I've got one in the body shop, I've got one over at the



Emergency Communications Director Jimmy Stewart talks about activity in a meeting of department heads.

Volvo in St. Pauls, but they're out of power and not working now," Russell said. He was trying to get both trucks back in working condition quickly.

"Hopefully, with two trucks, we'll keep that site open," he said.

Tuesday, he was looking into a possibility of driving two trucks from the transfer station through the Community Forest and out to Vass Road.

All but one of the county's solid waste disposal sites lost power, and the one that stayed up was too small to meet the needs of an entire county, Russell said. The site at Five Points did have power Monday, but "that's a small site at the furthest end of the county," he said.

Russell said that workers could heavily staff the Scurlock site as all of the other sites are closed and that his department was willing to keep the site open 24 hours a day if necessary.

They hoped to get the Scurlock site open for customers by Wednesday if at all possible, he said.

The department is already working with engineers to start the process of repairing the washed-out road, but Russell warned that there is still water over the road, which may cause delays and require additional paperwork.

"We may have to deal with permits from the Corps of Engineers," he said.

The Hoke County Board of

Commissioners voted unanimously Monday during an emergency meeting to appropriate \$275,000 to the solid waste department to provide for immediate needs.

The county landfill shutdown also impacted Raeford residents, as the city relies on the county's facility for trash disposal. City Manager Dennis Baxley reported the city is currently transporting its trash to a Fayetteville landfill, which may result in delays in trash pickups for city residents. It will not impact city recycling pickups.

County residents who have private company trash service should contact the service for information on any delays or service interruptions for their trash pickups.

Numbers you may need

Have a storm-related question?

Call the Emergency Operations Center at 878-1227

Need bottled water?

Call or stop by your local fire department

Need food assistance?

Call the Department of Social Services at 875-8725

Need to report price gouging?

Call the state at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM

Want to donate?

Bottled water and nonperishable food to Department of Social Services at 314 South Magnolia Street, Raeford or donate money to American Red Cross, www.redcross.org.

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City police had to direct traffic at some gas stations as lines formed at the pump and spilled into the roads. (Catharin Shepard photo)

City's issues are garbage, roads

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Two roads in the city of Raeford washed out in Hurricane Matthew, some residents couldn't get down their flooded streets and enormous trees landed on homes and across roads, blocking travel for days – but things could have been worse, Raeford City Manager Dennis Baxley said.

"Except for the power losses and the massive amount of trees down, we fared fairly well," he said.

But the most pressing problem is a county issue that's impacting city trash collection, Baxley said. The road to the county's solid waste transfer station washed out completely, and the city relies on the station and the county landfill to dispose of its trash.

"Right now, we're having to truck it over to Cumberland County," Baxley said. "There will be a delay in trash collection because they have to drive three hours to dispose of it."

City recycling collection shouldn't be impacted, as the recycling items are handled at a facility in Wagram that was apparently not damaged by the storm.

However, the closed landfill is also an issue for disposing of all the yard debris from the storm, the city manager said. Right now, the city is collecting the debris and dumping it at a staging area until they can dispose of it properly.

Raeford also lost two roads due to washouts. East Prospect Avenue and Oakwood Avenue both suffered serious damage and will have to be rebuilt. East Prospect at

Peddler's Branch, an area prone to flooding, was damaged.

"Peddler's Branch washed over the road and it eroded the east side, so the east lane is washed out," Baxley said.

The city is already working with engineers to address the issue, but until the road is fixed, that part of East Prospect will remain closed.

Oakwood Avenue suffered even worse damage, Baxley said.

"That road's gone, it's no longer there," he said.

That road will also have to be rebuilt, the city manager said.

The city government's buildings escaped damage, though there were several trees down at the Raeford cemetery. Workers have cut those up and they're ready for removal, and the fallen trees didn't damage any of the graves or markers, Baxley reported.

There were also some trees down at McLauchlin Park—at least seven by our count, but "that's kind of the least of our worries," he said.

There were homes in the flood-prone Covington Avenue area that suffered water damage, and during the hurricane, authorities were called to the neighborhood in response to a report of a person stuck in a car in rising water.

At this point, the city is primarily working on clearing fallen trees so that Duke Energy and CenturyLink can restore power to customers. The Hoke County Public Library on Main Street in Raeford was one of those customers without power and remained closed Tuesday while other county offices opened.

HELP store floods, roof damaged

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

A longtime Hoke County resource that helps local residents in need suffered serious damage from Hurricane Matthew.

The Hoke Emergency Liaison Program (HELP) store on East Central Avenue, which provides food and clothing to families in need, was damaged by the storm that hit Hoke County this weekend. Volunteers were to be at work Wednesday morning

cleaning up.

The building owner reported that a new roof was put on the building in March, but the strong winds from Hurricane Matthew peeled back the rooftop. The nonprofit thrift store interior and its contents – including clothing, home goods and other items – suffered water damage from the heavy rainfall.

"We're trying to figure out what to do. They're trying to salvage everything they can," HELP board member and Raeford City

Council member John Jordan said.

The damage at the store was "severe," but there were a few silver linings – director Bonnie Johnson was able to rescue her computer from the store and get it running again, and most of the nonperishable food at the HELP store's food pantry was fine. The food pantry was housed at the back of the store where it was protected from the water damage, Jordan said.

Johnson is working with the Department of Social Services to

come up with a plan to move the program to a different location while trying to clean up the damage. The board will also meet soon to discuss how to move forward, Jordan said.

The HELP store was founded in 1991 to help get toys and food to local families for Christmas, and it soon developed into a year-round charitable venture. The program works with Hoke County DSS to assist those in need and also operates a thrift store open to the public.



A FEMA truck stages at Food Lion Monday, waiting to head to counties hurt worse than Hoke. But they'll be back... any day now. (Ken MacDonald photo)

Power outages look like Fran

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Three days after Hurricane Matthew flooded North Carolina and knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of residents, some Hoke County households were still in the dark as overnight temperatures plunged into the 40s.

About 950 Duke Energy customers and about 2,600 Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperative (LREMC) customers in Hoke were still without power Tuesday afternoon, with both companies listing October 16 as a worst-case restoration date.

At the height of the outages,

more than 50,000 LREMC customers across the entire service area of southeastern North Carolina were without power. Over half of those had service restored by 4 p.m. Monday, and the company was working on bringing the lights back on for the rest as soon as possible.

"Many of these outages are attributed in part to Duke Energy's loss of transmission lines that supply Lumbee River EMC's distribution system," the company said in a statement Monday.

The company's work crews were also trying to deal with environmental hazards left behind after the storm, LREMC officials said.

"Crews continue to navigate

through flooded areas, clearing debris, repairing broken poles, lines, circuits, substations as well as other infrastructure. Additional line crews and tree trimming crews are assisting Lumbee River EMC to restore power as safely and quickly as possible," the statement said.

Duke Energy held a conference call Monday to provide updates on the situation. The damage to the Duke Energy infrastructure from Hurricane Matthew was "on a similar scale" with what the company experienced in Hurricane Fran in 1996, with over 800 broken poles and countless miles of wires torn down.

The kind of repairs that workers are attempting are "work that

takes a long time to do," and the utility company had pulled in workers from other areas and planned to be at full staffing strength by Wednesday to continue addressing the power outages in affected areas, Duke Energy officials said.

While the company listed October 16 as the estimated date for getting power back on, officials reported that was a general "worst-case scenario" estimation and many customers could get power back much sooner.

Residents without power can get assistance at the local Red Cross shelter at West Hoke Middle School in Raeford, or call the Emergency Operations Center at (910) 878-1227.

Obituaries

Grady Lee Jr.

Grady Lee Jr., 76, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

He was retired from the U.S. Army and was a faithful member of Ashley Heights Baptist Church. He was a Christian man who loved and served the Lord with gladness and was prepared to meet him.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Lee; his children, Debra Hicks and her husband Mike of Hope Mills, Jennifer Williams and her husband Steve of Fayetteville, Vonard Lee and his wife Tammy of Raeford, Deana Ann Pearce of Raeford, Charles Lockamy and his wife Kathryn of Carthage, Judith Carol Lockamy of Aberdeen, and Rebecca DeBerry and her husband Donnie of Carthage; his brother, Curtis Lee and his wife Mabel of Latta, South Carolina; his sisters, Sylvia Dawson of Marietta, Georgia and Gwendolyn Hartson of Pinehurst; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 6 at Ashley Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Eugene Ussery officiating. Burial with military honors followed at Ashley Heights Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his memory to Ashley Heights Baptist Church, 10351 Aberdeen Road, Aberdeen, NC 28315.

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



Sharon Guenther

Sharon Guenther

Sharon "Sherry" Kay Guenther of Raeford died Monday, October 10, 2016 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center at age 73.

She was born in St. Clair County, Illinois on September 25, 1943 to the late Arthur Wright and Adelaide DeBoer Wright. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, and going to the beach. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Steven W. Guenther of New Athens, Illinois; her daughter, Sue Guenther of Carthage; and her grandchildren, Chantelle Guenther and her fiancé Dustin of Prairie du Rocher, Illinois, Cole Guenther of Millstadt, Illinois, and Kurt Baldwin and Matt Baldwin, both of Carthage.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.



Left to right: Ramon Rivera, Devan Porter, Jerry Pressley, Makayla Shipp, Justin Thomas, Martin Palomares, Dezmnd Campbell

Bucks Battalion places in three events

The Bucks Battalion Drill Team traveled to Scotland High School for their annual Drill Meet on Saturday, September 24. The Buck Battalion Drill Team competed in four of five events and placed in three.

The Color Guard, led by Justin Thomas, won second place in this event. Members are Jerry Pressley, Martin Palomares, and first-year cadet Bailey Cartlich.

Squad with Arms, led by Ramon Rivera with team members Devan Porter, Jerry Pressley, Makayla

Shipp, Justin Thomas, Martin Palomares, and Dezmnd Campbell, took fourth place.

Squad without Arms, led by Devan Porter with team members Ramon Rivera, Jerry Pressley,

Makayla Shipp, Justin Thomas, Martin Palomares, and Dezmnd Campbell, took fourth place.

The Buck Battalion also competed in the Individual with Arms event with cadets Dezmnd Campbell and Justin Thomas but didn't place.

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SPORTS

Bucks fall to 1-6 overall and 0-1 in conference Friday's game at Lumberton cancelled



The Hoke County High School Lady Bucks tennis team was suppose to have the conference tournament this week but, because of the school being closed, we are not sure if they will play a conference tournament. These five seniors will be moving on no matter what: Kamaria Harris (left to right), Alexa Burnett, Monica Maynor, Savannah Wade and Veronica Buckland.



Hoke High quarterback Kevin Thorpe throws out of the end zone last Thursday night as the Bucks fell to Richmond County 35-7.

Tennis seniors ready for future

BY HAL NUNN
SPORTS WRITER

The Hoke County High School Lady Bucks tennis seniors are ready to move on from high school and take the next step in life. Each year, we catch up with them and ask a few questions. This year's questions: 1-How long have you been at Hoke High? 2-How long have you played tennis? 3-What do you plan to do after high school? 4-If you could change one thing about Hoke High and one thing about Hoke County, what would that be? Their answers: Kamaria Harris: 1-I have been at Hoke all four years. 2-I have played tennis two-and-a-half years. 3-I plan to attend FSU and play tennis or go to N.C. Central and take law

classes. 4-At Hoke High, I think we need a better track program and tennis program. I would hire a whole new coaching staff for those and improve the program overall. In Hoke County, I would want to see something for kids to have more freedom to do stuff because there is nothing for us to do outside of going to Fayetteville. Alexa Burnett: 1-I have been at Hoke all four years. 2-I have played tennis for three years. 3-I plan to go to ECU and take Physical Therapy. 4-At Hoke High, I would add a swimming pool and, in Hoke County, I would like to see a movie theatre or bowling alley. Monica Maynor: 1-I have been at Hoke all four years. 2-I have played tennis for three years. 3-I plan to attend college and go into the military, maybe

learning more about biology. 4-I like the way Hoke High is but maybe we could add a rugby team or lacrosse team because those are up-and-coming sports and, in the county, free WiFi for everyone. Savannah Wade: 1-I have been at Hoke for three years. 2-I have played tennis for two years. 3-I plan to go to ECU and get a nursing degree. 4-At Hoke High, I think they need to make the school entirely indoors and build a swimming pool. In the county, we really need a theatre. Veronica Buckland: 1-I have been at Hoke for two years. 2-This is my first year playing tennis. 3-At Hoke High, I would like to see the students be able to leave campus for lunch and, in the county, it would be really nice to have a Chick-fil-A restaurant.

Sports Briefs

Football cancelled this week

Athletic directors from all the Southeastern Conference high schools met yesterday to discuss athletics because of the storm issues. The meeting was not completed by press time but Hoke High Athletics Director Gary Brigman said there will be no football this week. The game at Lumberton has been cancelled. Officials are reporting that Cumberland County, Columbus County, Bladen County and Robeson County are all closed for the entire week and this will put athletics in a difficult situation. Tennis and volleyball will be the two biggest concerns because of regionals and conference tournaments, which may be cancelled. "This hurricane has sort of put us in the same situation as with the snow and ice a couple of years back where we had to cancel conference tournaments in basketball,"

Brigman said. Golf looks to be okay, cross-country may be okay and soccer looks to be good to go. So, volleyball, tennis and football maybe be seriously affected.

Middle school football

Middle school football has started and Sandy Grove is 2-0, East Hoke is 1-0-1 and West Hoke is 0-1-1.

Rockfish Speedway

Rockfish Speedway cancelled last Saturday night's race because of the storm and did not have a race scheduled for this coming Saturday. The next race will be October 22 with a full night of racing in all divisions. It will probably be the last points' race of the season. The next two big weekends will be November 4 and 5, the Big Mod Lite feature called Prelude to the Classic, and then the huge

Winter Classic, where the Micro 600s will run for \$1,000 and cars from all up and down the eastern seaboard will be in Hoke County.

First Baptist Church Golf Tournament

The 5th Annual First Baptist Church Golf Tournament that was scheduled for this coming Saturday has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for later in the month of October or in November. Contact the church for more information at 875-3508.

Hoke County Community Foundation Tournament

The Hoke County Community Foundation Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for this Friday, October 14 at Bayonet at Puppy Creek. There is still room for more golfers and, if you would like to sign up, please call 904-1500.



Offensive Coordinator Tony McCants talks it over with quarterback Kevin Thorpe in the third quarter, when Hoke High cut the lead to 14-7.



The Richmond offense was led by quarterback Leon Zeigler and running back Damontre Bennett who rushed for 149 yards on 20 carries. The Raiders offense racked up 251 yards rushing.

Sports News To Report?

Call Hal Nunn at (910) 875-2121

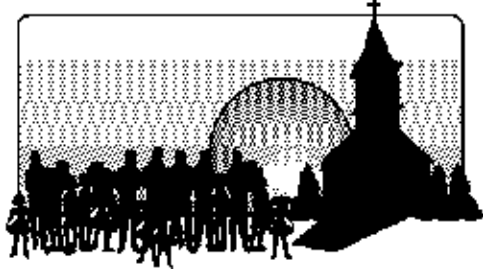
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Elgin Blue Memorial Basketball Court Dedication

A ceremony honoring Elgin Blue

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners invites everyone to come out to the Hoke County Sports Complex on Red Springs Road on Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will be celebrating the opening of the new Elgin Blue Memorial Basketball Court. A dedication ceremony honoring Elgin Blue will be held. We will serve hot dogs and all the fixings.



Hoke County Sports Complex
October 22
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

There is no charge and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Elections board sends complaints to state

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Two complaints alleging that a Democratic Party organizer signed up Hoke County nursing home residents for absentee ballots that they did not request will go on to the North Carolina Board of Elections for investigation.

The Hoke County Board of Elections voted two to one Thursday afternoon in favor of sending the complaints to the state for further investigation.

In one complaint, an Autumn Care Nursing Home resident who suffers from Alzheimer's disease was signed up to receive an absentee ballot for the General Election on November 8.

Board of Elections records show that an absentee ballot request form for the individual was mailed to the board. The ballot request form contains a box where people requesting an absentee ballot for a primary election, and who are registered as unaffiliated with a political party, can check which ballot they want to receive — either Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Non-partisan. On the absentee ballot request filed for the Autumn Care resident, the Democratic box was checked, although the ballot was requested for a General Election, not a primary election, and the resident in question is registered as a Republican, not an unaffiliated voter.

The complaint, filed by Hal Nunn, alleged that the local Democratic Party was intentionally seeking to influence the election by filling out ballot requests for nursing home residents that they didn't request.

"I believe someone from the Democrat Party was going around to the nursing homes and saying they were representing the Board of Elections and they were

illegally filling out absentee ballot requests for patients without family permission," Nunn, who works for The News-Journal as a sports writer and advertising representative (but did not represent the paper in this matter—Editor), wrote in an emailed complaint to county Board of Elections Director Caroline Shook.

Nunn called for the board to investigate the matter.

"It's a federal offense to falsely fill out election forms. Someone needs to investigate," he wrote.

The second complaint, filed by local businessman Cliff Overby, reported that, while responding to a client who operates a senior living and care center, he was reportedly told that a woman came in and "identified herself as being with the Hoke County Democratic Party and was there to help residents file and fill out requests for absentee ballots."

The individual in question left a card identifying herself as Wanda Blue, an organizer with the Hoke County Democratic Party. A photocopy of the card was attached in the paperwork filed with the complaint.

Additionally, Overby wrote in the complaint filed September 23 that he was told a group of three individuals from the Cumberland County Democratic Party also visited the nursing home "saying they were there to do some of the same things and had just left from visiting another care facility in Hoke County. The activities director did say the same group of 3 from Cumberland County had been to the Hoke County High School and asked to leave."

After discussion and disagreement at a meeting last week, Board of Elections Chairman Robert Vaughn and board member John Harry, both Republicans, voted to send the matter to the state for investigation. Board member Gloria

Hill, the Democratic member of the board, voted against sending the matter to the state board.

By state law, county elections boards are made up of three appointees chosen by their local political party. Two members are of the same political party as the sitting North Carolina governor, and the third is from the opposing party.

Additionally, Shook said the elections staff would mobilize Multipartisan Assistant Teams (MATS) to visit all of the nursing homes in Hoke County to assist any residents who were incorrectly signed up for absentee ballots.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 16 JT 36
IN RE: HARLYN STEVICK, a minor juvenile
SHELBY YOUNG, Petitioner vs. JONATHAN STEVICK, Respondent

TO: JONATHAN STEVICK: TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action in the District Court of Hoke County. The nature of relief being sought is as follows: Termination of Parental Rights.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 14, 2016 and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 6th day of October, 2016. Regina Roberts Sutherland Board Certified Family Law Specialist
Willcox, McFadyen, Fields & Sutherland
112 E. Edinborough Avenue
Raeford, North Carolina 28376
(910) 875-4065
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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE

Pursuant to the requirement of G.S. 105-375 (c) notice is hereby given to the listing owner(s), current owner(s) and lienholder(s) that a Judgment will be docketed against the property described below on November 21, 2016.

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

Listing Taxpayer(s): Deborah DeBerry
Current Owner(s): Deborah DeBerry
Lienholder(s): Stockbridge Capital, LLC

Property Description:
PIN: 38494-00-01-048
Address: 3938 Gainey Road
"LYING AND BEING in Blue Springs Township, Hoke County, North Carolina and being all of Lot Number 31 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."
The Tax Collector, Hoke County, North Carolina 910-875-8751
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NOTICE OF 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

A General Election will be held in Hoke County, North Carolina on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 to elect the following officers:

- President and Vice-President of the United States
- United States Senator
- US Representative in Congress (District 8)
- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Council of State
- NC State Senate (District 21)
- NC House of Representatives (District 48)
- NC House of Representatives (District 66)
- District Attorney (District 16A)
- County Commissioners (2 Seats)
- Register of Deeds
- NC Supreme Court Associate Justice
- NC Court of Appeals Judges (5)
- NC Superior Court Judges (District 16A)
- NC District Court Judges (District 16A)
- Board of Education (2 Seats)
- Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor

All voters registered with the Hoke County Board of Elections are eligible to vote in the General Election. Residents who are not registered to vote may register by October 14, 2016, at the Board of Elections office at 227 North Main Street in Raeford, NC; or at a one-stop site during the early voting period from October 20th until November 5, 2016.

Absentee Voting (by mail) will begin on Friday, September 9, 2016 and the deadline for applying by mail is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Absentee One-stop Voting will begin on Thursday, October 20th and will end on Saturday, November 5, 2016. One-stop Voting locations will be at the Board of Elections office at 227 North Main Street in Raeford and at the Rockfish Community Center at 2749 Lindsay Road in Rockfish. The hours will be from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM weekdays; from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 22 and Saturday, October 29, 2016; from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Sunday, October 23, 2016; and from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Board of Elections office. The hours will be from 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM weekdays, and from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturdays, October 22, October 29, and November 5, 2016 at Rockfish Community Center.

The polls will be open from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM at all polling places in Hoke County. Robert E. Vaughn, Chairman
Hoke County Board of Elections

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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 ERNESTINE BURNS CURRIE 16 E 184

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Ernestine Burns Currie, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Kathy D. Currie, Co-Executrix, of the estate of the decedent at 7414 Soundview Dr., Gig Harbor, WA 98335 and Sharon C. Barnett, Co-Executrix at 208 E. Stadium Dr., Eden, NC 27288, on or before the 12th day of January, 2017, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Co-Executrixs.

This the 12th day of October, 2016. Kathy D. Currie, Co-Executrix Of the estate of Ernestine Burns Currie 7414 Soundview Dr. Gig Harbor, WA 98335 And Sharon C. Barnett, Co-Executrix 208 E. Stadium Dr. Eden, NC 27288 32-35P

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 16SP207

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY GAIL F. KAHLNBECK AND LINDA K. KAHLNBECK DATED APRIL 24, 2015 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 01111 AT PAGE 0725 IN THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained, and pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 11:00AM on October 26, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Hoke, State of North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot 9 in a subdivision known as River Bluff, Phase II, according to a plat of the same duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 2-34, Maps 005 & 006, Hoke County, North Carolina Registry.

And Being more commonly known as: 188 Brooke Run, Lumber Bridge, NC 28357

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Gail F. Kahlenbeck and Linda K. Kahlenbeck.

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, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either 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. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid 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. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in 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 October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagee has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The date of this Notice is October 5, 2016. Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ellis Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 333-8107 <http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/> 16-084386 32-33C

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Listing Taxpayer(s): James McPhatter
Current Owner(s): ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF MAGGIE MCNAIR; JAMES MCPHATTER
Lienholder(s): NA
Property Description:
Pin: 69435-14-01-190
Address: Stevens St.
"BEGINNING at a stake in the South margin of Robeson Ave about 256 feet East from North Steuait Street, and runs South 107 feet to a stake, thence East 156 feet to a stake in back line of this tract thence with said line North 107 feet to a stake in South margin of Robeson Ave, thence with said margin of said Ave 156 feet to the beginning.
This land being lots #73-74-75 in subdivision of lots of Margaret C. Keith and according to map of lots drawn by W. B. Robinson R.S. of Red Springs. This map of lots is recorded in Hoke Co. registry in Book 2 Page 246.

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 16SP229

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY GARRETT G. SCHNEEG AND ADRIENNE L. SCHNEEG DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2011 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 931 AT PAGE 1001 IN THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 11:00AM on October 26, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot No. 44 in a subdivision known as Heartland, according to a plat of the same duly recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 3-3, Maps 2 and 3, Hoke County Registry.

And Being more commonly known as: 151 Yellowstone Ct, Raeford, NC 28376

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Garrett G. Schneeg and Adrienne L. Schneeg.

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, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either 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. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid 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. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in 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 October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagee has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The date of this Notice is October 5, 2016. Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ellis Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 333-8107 <http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/> 16-084386 32-33C

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

Listing Taxpayer(s): SALLIE BELLE MCLEAN
Current Owner(s): Estella McMillan; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ESTELLA MCNEILL; Hinton McNeill; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF HINTON MCNEILL; Annie B. McNeill; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ANNIE B. MCNEILL
Lienholder(s): NA
Property Description:
PIN: 19420-00-01-087, 19420-00-01-088 and 19420-00-01-089
Address: S. Old Wire Road & N. Duffie Road
"Beginning at a stake 125 feet N 48 W from a corner of McPhaul's one acre tract in the North edge of Red Springs Road and runs S 48 E 125 feet to McPhaul's corner; thence N 40 E 210 feet to a stake; thence S 48 E 210 feet to a stake thence N 40 E 269 feet to a stake; thence N 49-30 E 294 feet to a stake; thence N 44 W 350 feet to a stake; thence S 44 W 775 feet to the beginning. Containing 4.6 acres."
The Tax Collector, Hoke County, North Carolina 910-875-8751
32-33C

For additional reference see Hoke County Registry, Deed Book 85 Page 40 and Hoke County Estate Division File 87-E-12."
The Tax Collector, Hoke County, North Carolina 910-875-8751
32-33C

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE

Pursuant to the requirement of G.S. 105-375 (c) notice is hereby given to the listing owner(s), current owner(s) and lienholder(s) that a Judgment will be docketed against the property described below on November 21, 2016.

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

Listing Taxpayer(s): ARETHER MAE CAROLYN BALDWIN
Current Owner(s): DERRICK KRAUT
Lienholder(s): FORT BRAGG FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; PUPPY CREEK PARK; ICA MILLER
Property Description:
PIN: 79463-00-01-096
Address: 6108 Arabia Road

"BEGINNING at a stake in the southern right-of-way of State Road No. 1003 that leads from Arabia to Sandy Grove Church, said beginning point being where the Pate line and the Smith line intersects with said State Road No. 1003 and runs thence with the right-of-way of said road S 79-00 E 100 feet to a stake; thence S 11-00 W 217 feet to a stake; thence N 79-00 W 100 feet to a stake; thence N 11-00 E 217 feet to the point of the BEGINNING, and containing 0.5 acres and being a part of Tract No. 6, Map Book 2, Page 305 of the Hoke County Public Registry and part of the lands described in Deed Book 92, Page 278 of the Hoke County Public Registry and being all of Lot No. 1, as shown on a survey prepared by R.H. Gatlin, R.S., on November 14, 1964, entitled "Lots of W.L. Smith."
The Tax Collector, Hoke County, North Carolina 910-875-8751
32-33C

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Listing Taxpayer(s): SALLIE BELLE MCLEAN
Current Owner(s): Estella McMillan; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ESTELLA MCNEILL; Hinton McNeill; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF HINTON MCNEILL; Annie B. McNeill; ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ANNIE B. MCNEILL
Lienholder(s): NA

Property Description:
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Address: S. Old Wire Road & N. Duffie Road

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Listing Taxpayer(s): Dale Alton Locklear, Jr.
Current Owner(s): Dale Alton Locklear, Jr.
Lienholder(s): Farmers Home Furnishing
Property Description:
PIN: 29440-00-01-358
Address: 327 Brewer Drive
"Lying and being in Antioch Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being all of that tract or portion of land being known as Lot Fifty Five (55) as shown on a map recorded in Book of Maps 8 at Page 49, Slide 196, in the Hoke County Public Registry being entitled "Sandy Acres Subdivision" and being approximately .49 acres.

Being a portion of the land described and recorded indeed Book 234, Page 413 and all of that land conveyed in Book 250, Page 702 of the Hoke County Registry.
For additional reference see Deed Book 362 Page 384."
The Tax Collector, Hoke County, North Carolina 910-875-8751
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COUNTY OF HOKE

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Listing Taxpayer(s): Carl D. Braggs & Deborah Braggs
Current Owner(s): Carl D. Braggs & Deborah Braggs
Lienholder(s): N/A
Property Description:
PIN: 69424-10-01-028
Address: Lot 54 Edgewater Drive, Raeford, NC 28376

"BEING all of Lot 54, in a subdivision known as FOREST CREEK ACRES, SECTION III-B, and the same being duly recorded in Plat Slide 222, Map 2, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Property Address: Lot 54 Edgewater Drive, Raeford, NC 28376
Parcel Identification No.: 69424-10-01-028"

PIN: 69424-10-01-029

Address: Lot 55 Edgewater Drive "BEING all of Lot 55, in a subdivision known as FOREST CREEK ACRES, SECTION III-B, and the same being duly recorded in Plat Slide 222, Map 2, Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Property Address: Lot 55 Edgewater Drive, Raeford, NC 28376
Parcel Identification No.: 69424-10-01-029"

The Tax Collector,
Hoke County, North Carolina
910-875-8751
32-33C

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COUNTY OF HOKE

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Listing Taxpayer(s): JAMES WILLIE MCNEILL ESTATE
Current Owner(s): ALL HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF JAMES WILLIE MCNEILL; BEVERLY M. ELLIS; LOUISE MCNEILL STEWARD; JAMES MCNEILL; ANGELA BOWMAN
Lienholder(s): NA
Property Description:
PIN: 19420-00-01-086
Address: S. Old Wire Road

"Lying and being in Allendale Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, and being a portion of the lands conveyed to Evelylin Grace McNeill and James Willie McNeill by Deed recorded in Book 87, page 361, Hoke County Registry, and bounded on the North by Roscoe Carthen and Atlas Lewis, on the East by Daniel M. Davis, on the South by paved SR 1105, on the West by Evelyn G. McRae (being the same person as "Evylin Grace McNeill"), and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an existing iron rod, being the most Northeast corner of the original tract, which this is a part, also said iron rod being located North 54 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds East 2189.95 feet from a point located where the two centerlines of SR 1113 and SR 1105 intersect and runs:

THENCE South 54 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 778.62 feet, to and with the centerline of SR 1105 to an existing 5/8 inch iron rod found in the centerline of said road;

THENCE North 49 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds West for a distance of 779.52 feet, to and with a new dividing line to a new 5/8 inch iron rod set;

THENCE North 49 degrees 02 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 224.31 feet, to and with the Northern boundary line to an existing buggy axle by a large oak tree;

THENCE North 48 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 504.13 feet, to an existing buggy axle found near a ditch;

THENCE South 50 degrees 45 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 332.44 feet, to an existing iron rod found on the West side of a small road;

THENCE North 39 degrees 14 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 23.76 feet to an existing iron rod found on the East side of said road;

THENCE South 49 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 539.77 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record.

Said property contains 14.04 acres more or less.
This description was drawn by James Coxie Hasty, Registered Land Surveyor, from an actual field survey on October 30, 1992, using Magnetic North 1992.

This is a Division Deed of the lands described in the Deed recorded in Book 87, Page 362, Hoke County Registry, Evelyn G. McRae is the same person as "Evylin Grace McNeill" set out in this Deed.

The Tax Collector,
Hoke County, North Carolina
910-875-8751
32-33C

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HOKE

JONES COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
16 CVD 248
REBECCA JOY BEKING vs. WILLIAM EDWARD BEKING, III
To: WILLIAM EDWARD BEKING, III

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.

You are required to make defense to this pleading and / or otherwise properly respond not later than November 8, 2016(40 days from date of first publication), and upon your failure

to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 28 day of September, 2016.
A. Bowden Houser, (42917)
Attorney for Plaintiff

c/o The Houser Law Firm, P.C.
PO Box 279
Jacksonville, NC 28541
(910) 333-9679
Dates of Publication: 9-28-16,10-5-16,10-12-2016
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 1A-1, Rule 4(j)1 30-32P

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

Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
VENETTA L. MONROE
16 E 173

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Venetta Monroe, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Deloris Monroe-McLaurin, Administratrix of the estate of the decedent at 588 Coalyard Dr., Garner, NC 27529, on or before the 21st day of December, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 21st day of September, 2016.
Deloris Monroe-McLaurin, Administratrix
Of the estate of Venetta Monroe
588 Coalyard Dr.
Garner, NC 27529
29-32P

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

BEFORE THE CLERK
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
WILLIAM P. KELLY SR
16 E 169

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against William P. Kelly Sr, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Charlotte R. Kelly, Administrator of the estate of the decedent at 3450 L. McLaughlin Rd., Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 20th day of December, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administrator.

This the 21st day of September, 2016.
Charlotte R. Kelly, Administrator
Of the estate of William P. Kelly Sr
3450 L. McLaughlin Rd
Raeford, NC 28376
29-32C

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

BEFORE THE CLERK
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
GEORGE STEVEN HEDGPETH
16 E 181

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against George Steven Hedgpeth, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Jane H. Hedgpeth, Administratrix of the estate of the decedent at 2307 Turnpike Rd., Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 5th day of January, 2017, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administratrix.

This the 5th day of October, 2016.
Jane H. Hedgpeth, Administratrix
Of the estate of George Steven Hedgpeth
2307 Turnpike Rd.
Raeford, NC 28376
31-34P

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

BEFORE THE CLERK
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
ESTATE OF
BRUCE L. KING

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Bruce L. King, deceased are hereby notified to exhibit them to Taneak Williams, Administrator of the Estate of the decedent at 5600 Lawrence Orr Rd Charlotte, NC 28212 on or before the 27th day of December, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administrator.

This the 28th day of September, 2016.
Taneak Williams- Administrator
Of the Estate of Bruce L. King
5600 Lawrence Orr Rd
Charlotte NC 28212
30-33C

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

Before The Clerk
COUNTY OF HOKE
IN THE MATTER OF
SAMUEL J. MONROE
16 E 109

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Samuel J. Monroe, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Charles Monroe, Administrator of the estate of the decedent at 413 Sparrow Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28306, on or before the 28th day of December, 2016, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Administrator.

This the 28th day of September, 2016.
Charles Monroe, Administrator
Of the estate of Samuel J. Monroe
413 Sparrow Dr.
Fayetteville, NC 28306
30-33P

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HOKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 16 CVD 510
COUNTY OF HOKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, Plaintiff, v. GARY THOMAS HESTER, II; Defendant,

To GARY THOMAS HESTER, II;

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes on your interest in the property described in Book 305 Page 005, which is more completely described in the complaint. Additional property description is as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Hoke County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

PIN: 29430-00-01-194
Property Location: 7713 Red Springs Rd.

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Hoke County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

"BEGINNING at an iron pipe, the original southwestern corner of the 3.52 acre tract of which this is a part, said beginning point being the northwestern corner of the Shirley Cliftons' residence lot containing 1.30 acres, said beginning point being 30.0 feet east of the center of NC 211 and runs thence a line parallel to NC 211 North 10 degrees 45 minutes West 155.30 feet to an iron pipe; thence along an original northern line South 85 degrees 02 minutes East 277.32 feet to an iron pipe; thence along another original northern line South 72 degrees 34 minutes East 372.81 feet to an iron pipe; thence along an original eastern line and beyond South 3 degrees 57 minutes West 86.0 feet to a new iron rod; thence a new line North 71 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds West 352.41 feet to an iron pipe, the northeastern corner of Shirley Cliftons' residence lot; thence along then northern line of said lot South 80 degrees 28 minutes West 267.0 feet to the beginning, containing 1.399 acres, and being a portion of that 3.52 acre tract described in the Deed recorded in Book 264, page 661, Hoke County Registry."

Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claim that you may have in the property.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 14th, 2016, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the September 28, 2016
RUDOLPH K. SMITH
RKS Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
Post Office Box 2095
Fayetteville, NC 28302
(910) 486-3230
31-33C

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
16 SP 04

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Horace Mitchell Hayes aka Horace M. Hayes and Gail J. Hayes (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Horace M. Hayes and Gail J. Hayes) to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, Trustee(s), dated the 11th day of July, 2008, and recorded in Book 00818, Page 0120, and Order in Book 1059, Page 956, 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 October 20, 2016 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Hoke, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1: Beginning at a point in the center of State Road No. 1203, which beginning point is the southeast corner of Lot No. 9 of the Kimball Subdivision at it appears in Map Book 6, Page 56, Hoke County Registry; and runs thence as and with the center line of said State Road No. 1203, S 76-21

W 106.26 feet to a point, a corner, which is also the southwest corner of said Lot No. 9; thence N 0-55 W 327 feet to an iron; thence S 83-53 E 140 feet to an iron, the northeast corner of said Lot No. 9; thence as and with the east line of said Lot No. 9, S 6-07 W 288.6 feet to the point of beginning.

The within description is taken from that plat entitled "Property of Larry L & Teresa L Moser, Hoke County, N.C.", dated July 10, 1974, and having been prepared by R. H. Gatling R.S.

This description includes all of Lot No. 9, plus a portion of Lot No. 10 lying adjacent to Lot No. 9 of the Kimball Subdivision as it appears of record as herein set out. Excepted from this description and conveyance is that portion of the described premises as will appear of record, which is within the roadway and the right-of-way of said State Road No. 1203

Tract No. 2: Beginning at a point in the center of State Road No. 1203, which beginning point is the southeast corner of Lot No. 10 of the Kimball Subdivision at it appears in Map Book 6, Page 56, Hoke County Registry; and runs thence as and with the center line of said State Road No. 1203; S 76-32 W 106.14 feet to a point, a corner, which is also the southwest corner of said Lot No. 10; thence N 5-38 W 368.5 feet to an iron; thence S 83-53 E 135 feet to an iron; thence S 0-55 E 327.0 feet to the point of beginning.

This description includes portions of Lots No. 10 and 11 of the Kimball Subdivision as it appears of record as heretofore set out. Excepted from this description and conveyance is that portion of the described premises as will appear of record, which is within the roadway and the right-of-way of State Road No. 1203

Tract No. 3: That certain parcel of land in Raeford Township, Hoke County North Carolina, shown and designated as Lots Nos. Seven (7) and Eight (8) on a map entitled "Property of Joe R. Kimball and wife, Clara B. Kimball" dated July 13, 1973, made by C. H. Blue, R.L.S., Southern Pines, North Carolina, said lots from approximately 106 feet on State Road No. 1203. EXCEPTED from the warranties of this deed is that portion of the lots within the right-of-way of said State Road No. 1203 as shown on the aforesaid map.

Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 3890 Turnpike Road, Raeford, North Carolina.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hours 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 liability arising out of or in any way relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to the property being offered for sale, 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 mortgagor 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: 1170522 (FC.FAYM)
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NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
HOKE COUNTY
16SP177

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY ROBERT S. GOODWIN AND JENNIFER A. GOODWIN DATED OCTOBER 31, 2002 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 525 AT PAGE 629 IN THE HOKE COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 10:00AM on October 20, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 5 IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS WOODBERRY, SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF THE SAME DULY RECORDED IN SLIDE 297, MAPS 1-4, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA REGISTRY.

And being more commonly known as: 319 Woodberry Cir, Raeford, NC 28376

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Jennifer A. Goodwin.

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, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either 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. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid 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. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

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The date of this Notice is September 29, 2016.
Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ellis
Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
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UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by James K Hadaway and Natalie W Hadaway dated July 27, 2004 and recorded on August 12, 2004, in Book 00631 at Page 0676-0682, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina; and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements contained therein and, pursuant to demand of the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned of Poore Substitute Trustee, LTD (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, on October 13, 2016 at 11:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Hoke, North Carolina and being more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust:

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Present Record Owner: James K Hadaway and Natalie W Hadaway
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Address: Lot 54 Edgewater Drive, Raeford, NC 28376

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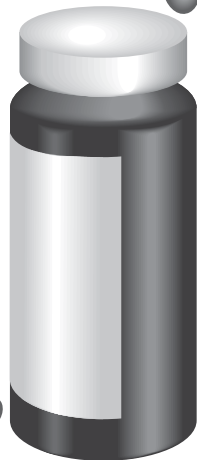
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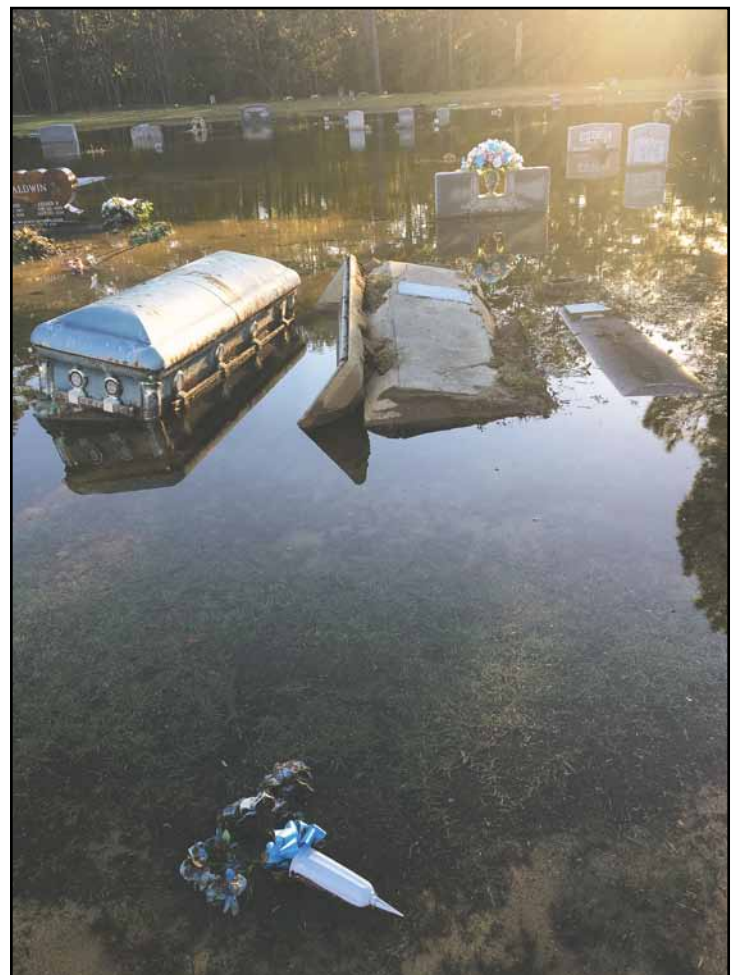
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An EMS worker attends to an accident victim at Shannon and Balfour roads Monday. Driving was perilous with downed trees and lots of water. One car (background) ended up in water after the impact. There appeared to be no life-threatening injuries. (Ken MacDonald photo)



Caskets emerge from floodwaters at Purdie Road Church Cemetery. (Freddy Johnson photo)



Charlotte Samuelson enjoys her flooded backyard with some yoga antics on a paddleboard. (Facebook photo)



The first family to arrive at the shelter at West Hoke Middle School was this mother and two children - and the family dog - from Shannon. She arrived at 8 a.m., saying that because her youngest, in her arms, has a heart defect, she absolutely had to be able to leave her home in case of emergency and couldn't take a chance water would cut her off. (Ken MacDonald photo)



A National Guard truck working for the sheriff's Emergency Management Department got stuck on Duffie Road and even a wrecker couldn't free it. The crew spent a long night cold, but dry, in the back. It was freed finally on Sunday by a Forest Service bulldozer. (Freddy Johnson photo)



The sheriff's department and school personnel load cases of water on trucks for distribution to volunteer fire departments.

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Hoke Sheriff's Emergency Management Director Freddy Johnson (left) and Hoke Solid Waste Director Don Russell plot a workaround to get garbage collection going again. The county's transfer station is on the other side of this break in the road. And so are two sorely needed garbage trucks. (Ken MacDonald photo)

Matthew

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Local emergency response officials were on the job around the clock during and after the storm, and gathered with county department heads Monday morning to plan for what comes next: a long process of damage assessment and repair, Johnson said.

"What we do for our citizens now is going to define us, period," he said.

Hoke County Commission Chairman James Leach signed a local declaration Friday, October 7 before the storm hit, and North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory also signed a declaration for the hurricane. Based on early damage estimates, Hoke County will meet the \$13 million damage threshold required for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Johnson said.

"We've been declared (a disaster area), so FEMA should set up shop here in the next day or so. There's some other areas they prioritized above us," he said.

Those areas include parts of Cumberland and Robeson counties, which suffered from severe flooding that prompted evacuations, hundreds of water rescues and extensive power outages.

President Barack Obama signed a declaration Monday that not only covered the damages North Carolina sustained in Hurricane Matthew but also the flooding from the previous week, ensuring that Hoke County will be able to seek assistance from

FEMA.

"(FEMA) announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of North Carolina to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by Hurricane Matthew beginning October 4, 2016, and continuing," the agency said in a statement around 7 p.m. Monday.

Flooding

Many of the same areas that suffered flooding in September were once again underwater in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, and many areas that didn't see floodwaters the first time around were also washed out. Residential areas in Raeford and throughout the county flooded, with the water coming into homes in some areas.

The Overlake dam near McLauchlin Lake and the dam on Pittman Grove Church Road at Warner Pond both failed, according to Johnson. The dam on Crawford Wright Pond overtopped, but was still "solid," Johnson said. The spillway at McLauchlin Lake held up but is "pretty much swamped," he added.

"Most of our ponds, dams were all overflowing with capacity water, that significantly added to our flooding—especially the low-lying ones," Johnson said.

Some Hoke residents had a scare Monday night when the National Weather Service included the county in a series of emergency flood warn-

ings due to the Woodlake dam on Surf Lake in Moore County nearing a potential breaking point. Although people were evacuated in Spring Lake, Hoke County was never at risk, Johnson said.

"That has no impact on Hoke County, it all goes the other way. You don't know how many phone calls we got on that," he said.

Local damage

The hurricane's high winds and heavy rains caused damage to some county buildings, leading to multiple closings.

All court proceedings were canceled Monday and Tuesday after the Hoke County Courthouse developed a "significant" leak in the main courtroom that caused water damage and left puddles of water in the chairs, as well as causing issues in other parts of the building. Residents with later court dates were encouraged to call and check the status of court proceedings.

The Hoke County Public Library remained closed after the storm because the building still didn't have power by Tuesday. Library employees were tapped to help answer phones at the EOC while the library remained closed.

Hoke County Schools didn't suffer serious damage from the storm, but many schools lost power. Due to the ongoing conditions in the county, the school system announced Tuesday that classes would be cancelled for the rest of the week for students

and staff could choose to use the days as an optional workday.

The Hoke Area Transit Service (HATS), which operates a fleet of buses and vans for public transportation, was not running its full routes Tuesday due to the many road closures, according to the county manager. However, the service was still offering transportation by appointment.

Shelter

As of 9 a.m. Tuesday, there were still 20 people staying at the Red Cross shelter set up at West Hoke Middle School. The shelter opened Friday ahead of Hurricane Matthew and hosted as many as 50 people at one point. The shelter emptied out Sunday night, only for two residents to return at 4 a.m. that day, Johnson reported.

"It's going to be open until those people are able to take care of themselves, so I think it's going to be for the remainder of the week," he said.

Having FEMA in town to help with the response should provide additional assistance, he added.

"All of the area hotels are full," he said.

Gas, food shortages

After Hurricane Matthew moved on, thousands of residents from harder-hit counties started pouring into Hoke to stock up on supplies that were unavailable in their hometowns.

With gas stations in surrounding areas left with no power to run their

pumps or cash registers, and others either out of gas or damaged by floodwaters, people from throughout the Sandhills region converged on Hoke County to top off their tanks and keep their generators running.

By Sunday morning, gas stations in Raeford reopened to lines of cars waiting at the pumps. At one gas station at the intersection of Palmer Street and 401 Business, a family loaded cans of gas into the back of their pickup truck while a Raeford police officer tried to direct traffic through the crowded area. Long lines continued Monday with as many as ten cars at a time waiting in line to get gas at the Speedway on N.C. 211 across from West Hoke Middle School. That station, like others in the area, ran out of gas Monday night.

Additionally, many people without power turned to fast food restaurants for a quick meal and grocery stores for deli meat, bread and milk. Many of the restaurants on Highway 401 Business were able to quickly reopen after the storm passed and serve the crowds, although at times the lines stretched around the buildings. By Monday night, the shelves at the Food Lion on Cole Avenue were bare of bottled water, bread, charcoal and milk.

The shortages are only temporary as there isn't a supply problem, and Hoke is not cut off from deliveries, according to officials. Deliveries of gas and food were reported as on the way to resupply local stores and gas stations.

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