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## Bid to incorporate Rockfish gains ground

### 'How many of you are satisfied with the status quo?'

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer

The Rockfish community could be on the path to becoming Hoke County's newest incorporated municipality.

The Rockfish Community Board, a volunteer organization formed in 2014 by businessman William "Brownie" Brown and other Rockfish residents, heard an update last week about the incorporation process at the board's monthly meeting.

Board members, an administrative consultant and other supporters are looking into what it would take to incorporate the community into its own municipality.

North Carolina's General Statutes outline the rules for any community seeking to officially become a city or town. Some of the steps include starting a petition, levying at least a five-cent municipal property tax, and having a plan in place to begin providing residents with local services.

Administrative consultant Earlene Harper posed questions to the group of about 65 people who turned out for the meeting last Thursday night.

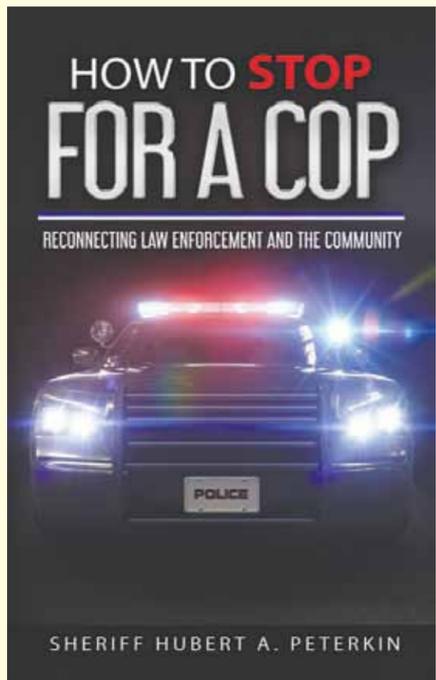
"How many of you here are satisfied with the status quo, the way things are? You're satisfied with your elementary school aged children going hungry on weekends? You're satisfied with your roads being littered and no recourse to clean it up? You're satisfied with some of God's creatures shivering out in (See ROCKFISH, page 10)



Dennis Hillyer addresses a crowd at the Rockfish Community Board meeting. (Catharin Shepard photo)

## Hoke sheriff hopes his new book will help make traffic stops safer

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer



Hoke County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin's new book will give the public tips on what to do if they're pulled over by law enforcement while driving, plus an inside look at how community policing works.

"Are you afraid or concerned when a cop stops you? Do the blue lights make you question yourself or make you nervous? Does doubt or lack of trust for officers during a traffic stop make you uncomfortable?" a promotional press release for the book questioned. "This book, 'How to Stop For a Cop' has the answer to many questions to address your concerns and gives you in detail, step-by-step instructions on how to stop for a cop."

"How to Stop For a Cop, Reconnecting Law Enforcement and the Community" is Peterkin's new book, set to be published next month in English, Spanish, eBook and audio CD formats.

The book "describes when, what, where, and how to stop" and "advises you on what to expect from the officer during the stop."

"In this book officers are reminded that they must do what is right all the time and because of their training and (See SAFER STOPS, page 10)

## Wreck on N.C. 211 kills West Hoke man

An elderly driver may have been suffering from a heart attack when he crashed into a stopped car on N.C. 211 near Cherry Lane Tuesday morning, according to the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

George Elmer Vanhoy, 88, of the 200 block of Reservation Road in Aberdeen was pronounced dead following the three-vehicle accident, a report filed by Trooper Brewington said.

Vanhoy was driving west

on N.C. 211 between Raeford and Aberdeen around 7 a.m.

Tuesday. Two vehicles driven by Charles Branch, 57, and Tomas Regino, 32, were stopped in the westbound lane of the road. Vanhoy failed to reduce his speed and crashed into the back of Branch's car, which shoved that vehicle into the back of Regino's car.

Branch and Regino were taken to the hospital to be checked out, but did not sustain (See WRECK, page 9)

## Frozen pipes plague area

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer

The city of Raeford has had multiple reports of water customers' pipes freezing and rupturing thanks to the ongoing cold snap, according to City Manager Dennis Baxley. "We've had several custom-

ers come in and talk to us about pipes that have frozen, thawed out and then burst," he said.

After a fairly mild November and December, winter hit North Carolina hard at the beginning of January with below-average and even record (See FROZEN, page 9)

## Animal shelter workers chain selves to doghouse in cold



In the doghouse. (Contributed photos)



Pylant, chained up

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer

When the temperatures drop outside, pets can suffer from the cold – and so did Hoke County animal shelter employees Kristi Pylant and Tracey Paider, who chained themselves to a doghouse in freezing weather to raise awareness about the dangers winter presents to animals.

"I can say I will never forget this

experience. It was awful," Pylant said in an email Tuesday.

Besides drawing awareness to winter safety for pets, the chain-out was also a fundraiser that Pylant and Paider conducted to raise money to help provide doghouses and hay to the community. The demonstration took place at Pylant's home after concerns were raised about conducting it at the county animal shelter.

Just wearing a too-heavy collar and

chain was uncomfortable, and that's something that many dogs they see at the shelter have had to endure, Pylant said.

"When I first put that big collar and chain around my neck it was instantly so uncomfortable, and far too often the dogs coming into the shelter are being choked by their collars and pulling chains much heavier. I've seen so many dogs come into the shelter (See CHAINED, page 10)

## OTHER STUFF

By KEN MACDONALD

The guy protesting outside our building last Wednesday with signs that read, "God is racist," and "What's wrong with being racist?" says he'll be back with new signs. So instead of ignoring him, I think there's a need to at least explain his presence.

He showed up after I told him I wouldn't print his letter to the editor. Over the years I've received dozens of emails from him about his lawsuits against various offices of government—all dismissed in court as frivolous, as far as I can tell—and about his opinions on local issues. But when it became clear he is an avowed and proud (See OTHER STUFF, page 8)



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# BROWSING THE FILES



New officers for Woodmen of the World Camp No. 118, Grove No. 6179 and Ranger Unit 1305 are, front, Freddie Parker (left to right), John Harrell, Teddy Parker and Robert Hasty; second row, Nanny Ashburn, Bobby Conoly, Mary Ruth Haire, Evelyn Ashburn, Peggy Calloway and Bruce Conoly; third row, Ernest Haire, Louise McDiarmid, Janie Campbell, E.E. Smith and Edwin Hasty; fourth row, Bobby Cox, Carson Davis and Russell Teague of Fayetteville who installed officers. (January 21, 1971)



Masons installed—New officers for Raeford Masonic Lodge 306 are, front, Joseph Dupree (left to right), Joe Stanley, Lester Sessoms, Ormond Wright and Bobby McBryde; second row, Lynn Dees, James Potter, Eugene Coen; back row, Edward Smith and June Rogers. (January 21, 1971)

## ‘Robin Sage’ exercise begins Jan. 27

Special Forces candidates will participate in the Robin Sage training exercise, held within 15 North Carolina counties as the final test of their Special Forces Qualification Course training.

Between Jan. 27 and Feb. 8, students will participate in this exercise before graduating the course and moving on to their first assignments in the Army’s Special Forces community. Robin Sage is a two-week culmination exercise. The participants are students at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School,

based out of Fort Bragg.

The exercise’s notional country of Pineland encompasses Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davidson, Guilford, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly and Union counties. Throughout the exercise, Special Forces candidates and Robin Sage role-players not only conduct training missions such as controlled assaults and key-leader engagements, but also live, eat and sleep in these civilian areas.

All Robin Sage movements

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

With the help of civilian authorities and local citizens, Robin Sage has been conducted since 1974.

## 47 Years Ago January 21, 1971

Some 30 citizens along with city and county leaders meet to try to drum up support for a 1-cent sales tax. The tax could mean \$140,000 to the county—or more.

The Rockfish Water System is put to immediate use, minutes after going online, when a house catches fire near Davis Bridge. A tanker is able to refill in less than two minutes from a hydrant, when before the system went online firemen had refilled from Rockfish Creek, taking 30-40 minutes.

Knit-Away, Inc. is scheduled to begin dyeing this week, says Ed Brown, vice president. Construction began on the plant in September and is 60 to 90 percent complete. Concrete walls were poured on the floor of the plant and then raised into position.

The old Raeford Gin, a landmark for many years, is being dismantled. Usable machinery is being removed by Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company, last owners of the gin, and the remaining structure was sold to McCaskill Construction Company for salvage. The land on which the gin was built is owned by Laurinburg and Southern Railroad. The gin was chartered March 10, 1925, E.L. McNair of Laurinburg principal shareholder. Younger Snead Sr. began working there in 1925 as bookkeeper. “At that time, the gin was one of the best equipped in this part of the country,” he said.

“It was an all steel structure and they bought the very best equipment. It cost somewhere around \$45,000 even back then for the equipment alone.” There were three gins at the time, he said, but the Raeford Gin was most modern. The other two were Hoke Oil’s and Johnson Company’s. “I remember one day we did 131 bales,” Snead said. “I don’t know if we ever ginned more than that or not.” Longtime Raeford residents say they remember when cotton wagons would be line up Harris Avenue back to the Laurinburg highway waiting to get to the gin. A story is told, and its truthfulness sworn to, that a tourist from the north stopped at a service station near the gin, and seeing a storage tank with Raeford Gin written on it, inquired about the gin made in Raeford as they were not familiar with that tradename for the beverage. Some of the early employees included Lacy McNeill, Havey Cole, the late A.R. Currie, Julian Wright, Buck McPhaul and Rufus Kelly. After Snead left in 1933, T.B. Lester became bookkeeper. D.C. Cox also served there. The gin fell into hard times during the Depression. The Revenue Commission suspended its charter in 1946 for failure to pay a \$10 fee, Clyde Upchurch Jr. said. The Raeford gin was leased from 1947 until its last year of operation in 1965. The Thomas Brothers, J.B. and Marshall, leased it in 1947. Later J.B. McLeod, son-in-law of J.B. Thomas, operated it. “The tenant farmer moved north and the cotton went west,” Upchurch said. “The cotton allotments got smaller and smaller.”

An era ends in February when production of Linotype machines ceases. Development of computer-directed photographic and electronic printing equipment has led to fewer orders for the machine that once revolutionized printing.

Your Country Boy Charlie from WSHB, Raeford invites you to attend Big Country and Western an dGospel Show, plus Round and Square Dancing at Raeford Armory every Friday night starting March 5 at 8 p.m. \$2 per couple.

## 25 Years Ago January 20, 1993

The widening of US 401 between Raeford and Fayetteville is still on schedule and should be completed this year. At least from Seventy-first High School to Wayside Road. The remainder should be finished in 1994.

April 1 is the tentative date for completion of Rockfish-Hoke Elementary School. Erection of steel and weather has set the project back, says assistant superintendent Don Steed.

The Hoke Board of Commissioners will look into participating in a regional jail. The Hoke jail currently has space for 28 inmates—but houses 62.

Hoke Schools may get full accreditation next year if scores continue to rise. But the system must make up for lost ground, says Superintendent Bill Harrison.

## 4-H begins youth nutrition program

As a parent I know how hard it is to get children to eat healthy foods that are good for them. After a long and endless debate, we as parents give in and let our children eat whatever makes them happy. So what do we do to get them to eat more fruits and vegetables? You make it fun!

Hoke County Cooperative Extension Center has a new and exciting program called 4-H Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program just for youth ages 5-19. 4-H EFNEP provides youth with practical, hands on approach to nutrition education and food preparation. The idea of learning by doing encourages positive eating habits and increased physical activity. Through six 4-H EFNEP classes children learn how to make healthier food selections, increase their knowledge of nutrition, increase their knowledge of food safety and preparation skills as well as become more self-reliant. 4-H EFNEP provides fun ways to help youth learn how to make wise choices that will be beneficial to their overall health.

Research in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that in the past 20 years the obesity rate has doubled among children 6 to 11 and tripled among adolescents ages 12 to 19. If we do not teach our young people how to make healthier eating habits they may face serious health problems such as high blood pressure, cardiovascular diseases and even some cancers. The children are our future, and it is up to us as adults, parents, teachers, and caregivers to stress the importance of fruits and vegetables along with physical

### Extension Today

**Tamika McLean**  
Hoke Extension

activity for a healthier tomorrow.

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program is also available for adults as well. Parents or caregivers with youth ages 5-19 years of age that are receiving some type of government assistance qualify for the Adult EFNEP program. Adult EFNEP focuses on ways to improve the health of limited resource families with young children through practical lessons on: basic nutrition and healthy lifestyles, resource management and food safety. The program focuses on helping families and youth improve behaviors in

the following areas: dietary intake as recommended by the Dietary Guidelines and MyPlate, food resource management skills and practices, nutrition practices, and food safety practices. Participants increase their ability to select and buy food that meets the nutritional needs of their families and gain new skills in food preparation, food storage, and food safety. They learn to better manage their food budgets – including the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) and Food Instruments and Cash Value Vouchers.

For more information about this program, contact Tamika McLean, EFNEP Program Associate, at the Hoke County Cooperative Extension Office at (910) 875-2162 or email thmclean@ncsu.edu.

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# VIEWPOINTS

## Reached the five-year point

It is hard to believe, but I have now been writing this column for five years. I would like to thank the News Journal for giving me the opportunity to speak to its readers through these words. I was inspired to do this by a feature known as The Puppy Creek Philosopher, which ran in this paper when I was still in school in Hoke County. I was further inspired by my great friend Raz Autry's column, "A View from the Country," which ran for many years. Having never written anything for publication, this was a real leap of faith. I was trained in engineering, not writing, which meant I was too ignorant to know what I was getting into. I suppose I had nothing to lose, but the stakes felt higher when I agreed to write something every week. Failure is not one of my favorite things, and while the merits of my writing are highly debatable, I have managed to avoid being told that my writing was no longer wanted.

If I have any qualifications for doing this, they are that I am a native of Hoke County, have lived here most of my life, know how to string a few words together in complete sentences and am outspoken and confident enough in my own beliefs to put these thoughts out for public consumption. I am also interested in everything, and I try to observe the world around me beyond the superficial. Perhaps most of all, Bubba Dickson, the owner of the paper has been a friend of mine since 1960!

After the passing of Raz Autry, I missed his column, which had become a weekly point of contact with him, if only indirectly. I looked



**Frog Holler Philosopher**  
**Ron Huff**

forward to reading his words and jokes and gaining his insights into local politics and other goings on. I hadn't met his grandchildren, but I



felt I knew them through his writing. I never made it to his ice cream stand, but I knew it was a special place that I surely would have enjoyed. It was this loss that was the birth of the idea behind this writing. I don't know exactly how the conversation went between publisher Ken MacDonald, Bubba and myself, but I agreed to give this a try.

I confess that the idea of writing a column appealed to my ego and my belief that we should produce, and if possible, document our productions in a meaningful way. This has resulted in the creation of these small slices of what I do, think and believe. I have a similar view of my music, and while I neither seek nor receive much public appreciation of it, I document it with recorded product that means a lot to me, and which presents a view of who I am

to anyone who might like to know. The columns I have written give a pretty clear picture of who I am, like it or not.

I calculated that between my local knowledge and history, my life at Frog Holler, my musical exploits, our travels and my views on events and politics that I could find enough things to write about. This was hard at first, even with a past lifetime to draw upon, but then a curious thing happened. I began to view the world in a slightly different way because of my commitment to write. I also began to search for subjects rather than just draw from everyday experiences. This caused me to focus more clearly on things around me. I began to try to be the eyes and ears of the readers. I also began to be more critical of my own views, knowing that many readers would disagree with my take on things. I never want to write anything that I cannot debate using credible evidence or fact, and try to consider the beliefs of others in my writings.

The fun parts of this ongoing assignment are the comments that I receive from readers. Most seem to like the columns, leading me to believe that many just prefer to remain silent. Some have stated that the political comments just add to the overload. A few have chastised me. I have tried to limit the politics but can't be totally silent. I constantly tiptoe between privacy and over-exposure. The best reward is when someone comments on our life at Frog Holler as if they live next door. Thanks for reading!

More later.  
*Editor: And here's to another five!*

**FRANK, HERE,  
PRAYED FOR MORE SNOW.**



## We Get Letters

### Noise from Fort Bragg is too an issue

To the Editor:

Fellow citizens and members of the Democrat Party (you know which one I am referring to) it has been ages since I posted to "Letters to the Editor" as I sit on the Hoke County Board of Elections where I pledge to serve the citizens of Hoke County and the State of North Carolina. January's 10th 2018 Journal broke the camel's back where I have to clear the issues as seen.

In late August and early October of 2017 my wife and I undertook a vehicle journey in preparation for our upcoming drive from Calais, France to Moscow, Russia for the Soccer World Cup in 2018, where one of my favorite

teams is playing, making it worth the hassle of traveling beyond Raeford. The distance is around 1,687 miles—about 28 hours of driving in comparison from Raeford to San Diego, California, a mere 2,500 miles at 36 hours. So off I went to the intersection of Club Pond, Fayetteville Road, and Skibo Road to tune up my driving skills and reaction time for the trip. While travelling I had time to reflect on things as I transverse across the vast culture of the political boundaries on my journey where English, French, Dutch, German and Spanish, with a sprinkle of other cultures, intermix, providing the magic of one's identity. Notice I did not

say "race" as Hitler did and lost.

Anyway, the Journal—relating the noise of Ft Bragg and its effect on the surrounding communities—caused a flashback to several years ago on this issue as the present two sitting commissioners up for election 2018 stated there were no complaints from Hoke's citizens. People, that very same night on the six o'clock news a Hoke citizen was interviewed by the local news station on this very issue, and eventually the Journal. As I was speaking to the commissioners on another topic I brought this to their attention. Need I say more, and it will be forthcoming!

John Harry Shannon

### Has seen miracle, but board is failing children

To the Editor:

Since I was not permitted to speak at the last Board of Education meeting due to meeting regulations, I am using other sources to voice my opinion.

I want to publicly state what an exceptional personal care assistant Karen McLean has been for my daughter. She is the ultimate example of a dedicated worker who is committed to the success of the student. It is difficult for children with special needs to adapt to a person, environment, and routine. Since Day 1, Ms. McLean has been the defining factor for my daughter's incredible speed of progress this past year. It has been her hands over

my daughter's, her eyes helping my daughter see things, and most importantly her voice speaking with and for my daughter—a nonverbal child.

Since this is my daughter, I am not breaking any HIPAA rules. I can state that she is a child with Cri du Chat syndrome, a rare genetic syndrome that occurs 1 in every 50,000 births. To see her go from not responding to questions, not knowing if she was hungry or thirsty, no potty training skills to everything she has learned from Ms. McLean is no more than a miracle from God through the angelic dedication of Ms. McLean.

Recently, however, the Board

of Education has made certain decisions that impact my daughter. After various attempts, no one from the board has responded to my emails and concerns. I wanted to express how disappointed I am and how I feel the Exceptional Children's department has failed my daughter and me as her mother in her emotional and educational path. If they are truly looking at the success of ALL students (specifically the disabled children) more thought and consideration should be taken in addressing their special needs (physical, educational, and emotional).

Barbara Mena-Pena Raeford

### Party puts forth viable candidate

To the Editor:

Earlier this week the Hoke County Elections Director notified both party chairs of the status of the congressional district court case. As it has been widely reported in the national news media, a three-federal-judge panel unanimously ruled that in 2016 the North Carolina Legislature gerrymandered the congressional districts to favor Republican candidates. The court further ruled that North Carolina's congressional districts unconstitutionally disadvantaged certain voter on the basis of their political affiliation.

While we Democrats applaud the court's ruling, we are eagerly awaiting the final determination and resolution of this court case. It is going to be interesting, as we move further into the 2018 election cycle. As you know, Hoke County was redistricted from

the seventh congressional district back into the eighth congressional district. Republican incumbent, Richard Hudson currently serves in that capacity. Well, we have some good news right now. I say, right now, because the 8th Congressional District leadership has recruited a very viable Democratic candidate in the person of local businessman, Frank McNeill. However, it is unknown how the newly redrawn district lines will affect the party's recruitment effort. The North Carolina General Assembly is supposed to have new district map drawn by January 24, 2018.

Frank McNeill is the owner of the McNeill Oil and Propane Company here in Raeford. He lives in Moore County and is the former mayor of Aberdeen. Frank's candidacy is attractive enough to garner him national

attention. He is going to give Republican Richard Hudson a run for his money.

Currently as a member of the 8th Congressional District, the Hoke County Democratic Party will continue planning for a successful elections cycle for all democratic candidates. To that end, we will continue registering citizens and establishing related auxiliaries. Our senior Democrats, young Democrats, Hispanic Democrats and the Democratic women will be calling, knocking on doors and having events until next November. All politics are local and every vote count. Once again, the call for UNITY is a national initiative for Democrats and we are going to do our part here in Hoke County.

James A. Davis, Chairman Hoke County Democratic Party Raeford

## New tactics aren't new at all

BY THOMAS MILLS  
Politics N.C.

In the wake of the Brown v. the Board of Education decision in 1954 that ruled segregated schools are unconstitutional, Southern states started looking for ways around the decision. In North Carolina, our government came up with the Pearsall Plan. The plan would allow students to be exempt from attending court-ordered integrated public schools and would allow for tuition vouchers for students in areas with integrated schools to attend private ones.

The plan was passed by the General Assembly with only two dissenting votes and then put on the ballot as a constitutional amendment that passed with 80 percent support. Of course, very few African-Americans had the right to vote. The plan was eventually found un-

constitutional but succeeded in keeping North Carolina schools segregated for another 15 years after the Brown decision.

Today, the GOP is revisiting the principles of the Pearsall Plan under the guise of school choice. Charter schools and vouchers allow students to opt out of public schools, taking with them resources and support that help the most vulnerable students. A study from Duke shows the growth of charters takes money from traditional schools, leaving them strapped to provide services to students.

The GOP took office complaining about our failing public schools. Their solution was to cut per pupil spending, lift the cap on charters and introduce a voucher program. The result has been the beginning of a re-segregation of our schools. Students in charter schools are more affluent and more white.

Now, the GOP wants to enforce an unfunded mandate on public schools in the form of lowering class size without providing the money for the change. It's a pattern of continuing to put pressure on public schools and then accusing them of being broken when they struggle to meet the needs of students. As students flee underfunded schools, traditional schools will increasingly be left with children from less privileged families.

Children have different needs and a one-size-fits-all public school system can leave a lot of children without the support they need. However, we can fix that problem without segregating our schools by race and class. We certainly don't need a modern day Pearsall Plan.

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# Obituaries

## Robert L. Logner

Captain Robert Louis Logner, USN, Ret., 92, died January 14, 2018.

He was a native of Millstadt, Illinois and retired in Pinehurst after a career in the US Navy of 32 years. He served in three wars and had command of three ships during his career including several tours at the Pentagon. He is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and the National War College in Ft. McNair, Virginia. After retiring from the Navy, he started American Nursery and Landscaping in Pinehurst which he later sold.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Logner of the home. Also surviving are his daughter Kim Logner-Younger (Cole), and grandchildren Codie and Casey of Nashville. He is also survived by stepdaughter Carmen Honeycutt (Mel) and their children Reagan and Drew of Raleigh and a stepson Frank Fowler (Lori) and their children, Brook and David of Winston-Salem.

A memorial celebration will be held Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. at Pinehurst United Methodist Church, 4111 Airport Rd. in Pinehurst. A private burial will follow.

Memorials may be made to Pinehurst United Methodist Church, 4111 Airport Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

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

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines is serving the family.

## Barbara Taylor

Barbara Jean Taylor of Lumber Bridge passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2018 in her home at the age of 77.

She was born in Scotland County on October 16, 1940 to the late Eugene and Lunette Cox Driggers. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband Everette Garrison and a son, Alan Garrison.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Taylor of Lumber Bridge; three sons, Joseph Garrison and wife Jackie, Tim Taylor and wife Rhonda, and Ronnie Taylor and wife, Alli; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Iris Salzer, Ann Radford, and Wanda Bentz; and several nieces and nephews whom she loved like her own children.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 10-11 a.m. at Crumpler Funeral Home-Raeford. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in the Highland Biblical Gardens Cemetery.

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

## Frances Clark

Frances Evelyn Cole Clark, 83, gave up her fight to go to her heavenly home on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

She was born in Scotland



Frances Clark

County on October 8, 1934 to the late Dan Cole and H. Naomi Hatcher Cole. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gaston M. Clark Sr.

She is survived by her partner, Samuel Bullard; her son, Gaston McPhaul "Mac" Clark Jr. and his wife, Robbi of Northern Ireland; her daughters, Teresa "Diann" Shepley and her husband, Raymond of Raeford, and Lisa Jo. McKeithan Young and her husband, Guy of Raeford; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1-3 p.m. at Crumpler Funeral Home in Raeford.

The funeral will begin at 3 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in the Raeford Cemetery.

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

## Frances D. Young

Frances Dillworth Young, 90, of High Point, died on January 10, 2018. She was born in Kinston, on December 31, 1927 to Avery Lawson and Cora Cundiff Dillworth. She graduated from Clemmons High School. She was a member of Home Moravian Church and was active in the Women's Fellowship, Candle Tea, Mary Ann Fogler Service League, and Senior Friends. She was a longtime volunteer at the N.C. Zoological Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, a sister, her husband Thomas W. Young, and son Thomas "Worth" D. Young. Surviving are two daughters, Jayne Frances Young of Raeford, and Malia Young Shelton and husband Richard A. Shelton of High Point.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16 in Salem Moravian Graveyard. Memorials may be made to Home Moravian Church Book of Remembrance, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101 or the NC Zoological Society, 4403 Zoo Pkwy, Asheboro, NC 27205.

## Willie E. Kelly Jr.

Willie Edward Kelly of Covington, Georgia, formerly of Raeford, passed away January 11, 2018 at Emory University Hospital Towers, Atlanta at the age of 55. He is preceded in death by his father Willie Edward Kelly Sr. and his mother Annie Myrtle Quick-Monroe.

He graduated from Hoke County High School, Class of 1980, attended DeVry University, and graduated from Massey Business College, Atlanta.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years Sharon Kelly of Covington, Georgia; two daughters, Shalexicia Kelly and Shasmine Kelly of Covington; three grandchildren, Forrest,

Madison and Natalie Allen of Covington; two sisters, Mavis Livingston (Michael) of Fairmont, and Darlene Kelly-Gates (James) of Raeford; sisters-in-law, Sylvia Chatman of Covington, and Vickie Chapman of Madison, Georgia; brothers-in-law, Jimmy Moses Williams of Covington, Michael Chapman (Melissa), Eddie Moses Chapman (Stacy) of Madison, and Elgin Chapman (Sonya) of Winterville, Georgia; stepfather, John Buddy Monroe of Raeford; and father-in-law, Joe W. Hart of Decatur, Georgia.

Visitation will be January 18, 2018 at Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home, Rockdale Chapel, 1999 Hwy 138 SE Conyers, Georgia from noon to 8 p.m.

The funeral will be Friday, January 19, 2018 at 11 a.m. at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, 6400 Woodrow Rd. Lithonia, Georgia 30038

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



James Tapp

## James Tapp

James B. "Jim," Tapp, 75, of Glen Allen, Virginia, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on January 8, 2018.

He was born May 5, 1942, in Rocky Mount. He was a graduate of Mars Hill College, where he met Carol. They were married in 1967. He held accounting and financial leadership positions at Export Leaf Tobacco Company and Famous Foods of Virginia before founding Electronic Tax Filers in 1994. He treated his clients as friends and the business thrived for more than 20 years. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, fishing, playing golf and working in his yard. He and Carol enjoyed traveling together, especially their annual trip to Holden Beach with their children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jill Melinda Tapp and brother, William Tapp. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carol White Tapp; and his children, Jeffrey Campbell Tapp (Justine) and Amy Tapp Wright (Todd). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Joshua and Connor Tapp and Jillian, Berkeley and Harper Wright, who adored their Papa. His sixth grandchild is due in May. He is also survived by his brother, Tommy Tapp.

A memorial service was held on Friday, January 12, at 11 a.m. at the Bennett Funeral Home, 11020 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, Va. 23060. The family held a private interment on Saturday, January 13.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ([jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org)) in honor of Justine and Connor Tapp.

# Real Estate Transfers

The following are recent land transactions recorded by the Hoke Register of Deeds:

- 3.0 ACRE, from WINKLEMAN, CLIFFORD to NORMA JEAN PAULLEY, 01/02/2018
- 3.0 ACRE, from PAULLEY, DON to JESSE HORSLEY, 01/02/2018
- LOT 252 MCDUGALD DOWNS SECTION 9 PART 5, from GCSG INVESTMENTS, LTD. to MARY STRYKER, 01/02/2018
- LOT 19 THE LEGENDS PHASE 2, from M.C.L., LLC to MCLEAN CONTRACTING AND INVESTMENTS, LLC, 01/02/2018
- LOT 19 THE LEGENDS PHASE 2, from MCLEAN CONTRACTING AND INVESTMENTS, LLC to BARBARA PRIME, 01/02/2018
- LOT 19 THE LEGENDS PHASE 2, from PRIME, BARBARA to SHARON L. HEALEY, 01/02/2018
- 0.614 ACRES, from COASTAL PROPERTIES OF WILMINGTON, LLC to ARRY D. LOCKLEAR, 01/02/2018
- LOT 754 THE MAPLES @ WESTGATE SECTION 3, from KING, ASHLEY N., AIF to RYAN P. NIXON, 01/02/2018
- 1 ACRES, from GERMAK, DEBORAH M. to EDWIN M. DIGGS, 01/03/2018
- LOT 29 NORTHWOODS ESTATE PHASE 1, from ALAHMADI, GHAZI A. to TWILA K. ROBINSON, 01/03/2018
- LOT 8 QUAIL HOLLOW EAST, from HENNESSEE, ALICIA M. to ESTATE OF FRED KELLY, 01/03/2018
- 15.48 ACRES, from BLANTON, JANIEM. to ADAM JETER, 01/03/2018
- 44.8 ACRES, from BLANTON, JANIE M. to RICHARD ANDERSON, 01/03/2018
- LOT 11 BIRKLAND, from WICKS, ANDREW R. to AMBER L. ERICKSON, 01/03/2018
- LTO 25 TOWNSEND ESTATES SECTION 1, from NEAL, GREGORY SCOTT, AIF to ROBIN A. SMITH, 01/03/2018
- LOT 13 THE COMMONS @ BRIDGEPORT PHASE 1, from HCC INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. to BRIDGEPORT HOMES, L.L.C., 01/05/2018
- LOT 234 RIVERBROOKE SECTION 5, from CAVINESS

- LAND DEVELOPMENT INC to RODNEY MARVIN HARMANSON, 01/05/2018
- LOT 15 THE COMMONS @ BRIDGEPORT PHASE 1, from HCC INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. to BRIDGEPORT HOMES, L.L.C., 01/05/2018
- LOT 14 THE COMMONS @ BRIDGEPORT PHASE 1, from HCC INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. to BRIDGEPORT HOMES, L.L.C., 01/05/2018
- LOTS 3 & 4 BEAVERTON SECTION 3, from GILLIS GROUP PARTNERSHIP to LEONILA CANTORAN GARCIA, 01/08/2018
- LOT 10 TARHEEL PINES, from SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS to 3 KIDS PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC, 01/08/2018
- LOT 28 VILLAS OF SUMMERFIELD SEC 1 PT 1, from PAUL, JEAN EGENS to JAMES CAMPBELL, 01/08/2018
- LOT 10 TARHEEL PINES, from SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS to 3 KIDS PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC, 01/08/2018
- LOT 26 SLIDE 2-16 MAP 004, from SYMOND, CLARENCE B. to KURTIS LORENZO CAMPBELL, 01/08/2018
- LOT 32 OAKVIEW ESTATES PHASE 1, from NICOLINI, MARIAC. to BRIAN KEITH DODGE, 01/08/2018
- LOT 52 RIDGEVIEW SECTION 2, from SECRETARY OF VETERAN AFFAIRS to AMERIDREAM HOMES NORTH CAROLINA, INC., 01/08/2018
- LOT 69 WINDWARD OAKS SECTION 1, from YI, SANGMIN to KRISTINA JOHNSON, 01/08/2018
- LOT 711 THE MAPLES @ WESTGATE SEC 1 PT 2, from BALLOW, ANDREW R. to REGINALD ANTHONY MCLAUGHLIN, 01/08/2018
- LOT 180 NORTHWOODS ESTATE PHASE 3A, from NICHLAS, ADAM BURKE to JAMELL S. CUNNINGHAM, 01/08/2018
- LOT 254-261, from H&M BEDFORD, LLC to H&H CONSTRUCTORS, INC., 01/08/2018
- 2.12 ACRES, from MCNEIL, CHARLES CLIFTON to ELIZABETH RAY, 01/09/2018
- 2 TRACTS, from BROWNE, BEVERLY F. to ELIZABETH RAY, 01/09/2018
- NO DESCRIPTION, from ELLIS, RONALD W. to KAREN MITO, 01/09/2018
- LOT 200 WEDGEFIELD PHASE 1A, from SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS to CHRISTINA L. GARDNER, 01/09/2018
- LOT 45 COUNTRY WALK PHASE 1B, from BIDDLE, SYLVIA to SYLVIA BIDDLE, 01/10/2018
- LOT 3 SLIDE 339 MAP 004, from ROBBINS, WILLIAM WAYNE to RYAN KENNETH BAXLEY, 01/10/2018
- LOT 26 RIVERBLUFF SECTION 1, from BRANCH BAKING AND TRUST COMPANY to SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, 01/10/2018
- LOT 106 STONEWALL SECTION 6, from WILLIAM R. BLAIR, TRUSTEE OF THE WILLIAM R. BLAIR LIVING TRUST DATED DECEMBER 2, 2003 to ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, INC., 01/10/2018
- LOT 255 WEDGEFIELD PHASE 1B, from MORRIS, HEATHER DAWN SHEREEN to KORY TADJ MORRIS, 01/11/2018
- 0.71 ACRE TRACT, from THE LANDSOUTH COMPANY, LLC to AMERICAN OFFROAD LLC, 01/11/2018
- LOT 17 QUEENMORE, from SANDERS, CHARLIE EXUM to RODNEY LAMONT SANDERS, 01/11/2018
- LOT 15 QUEENMORE, from SANDERS, CHARLIE EXUM to CHARLIE SPENCER SANDERS, 01/11/2018
- LOT 1 MAYFIELD SECTION 1, from DUGGER, CARLOS JR. to CASSANDRA J. HOWELL, 01/12/2018
- LOTS 8 & 9 SLIDE 2-21 MAP 005, from FRYE, JOAN BALDWIN to RUBEN MORALES, 01/12/2018
- LOTS 8 & 9 SLIDE 2-21 MAP 005, from PREVATTE'S HOME SALES, INC. to RUBEN J. MORALES, 01/12/2018
- LOT 741 THE MAPLES @ WESTGATE SEC 2 PT 1, from COVINO, LINDA to DOMINIQUE HARRIS HARRIS, 01/12/2018

# School Briefs

## Named to Dean's List

Leah Sealing was named to the Dean's List at Columbia College for the fall semester. The Raeford woman is an online student and earned at least a 3.5 grade point average.

## Named to Provost's List

Christopher Leach of Raeford has been named to the Provost's List at Troy University for the fall semester. To be named to the list students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.65.

## Named to Chancellor's List

Two Raeford students—Mark Conaway and Anthony Gilbert—were named to the Chancellor's List at Troy University. To be named to the list students must earn a grade point average of 4.0.

## Educator attends program

Vicki M. Ellisor of Hoke County attended a program held at the N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching. Ellisor is a teacher at Rockfish-Hoke Elementary.

# Police Blotter

Raeford Police reported the following recent incidents:

## January 1

Larceny, 300 block of South Main Street, victims Jeffery Kay and Marshall Lunsford

## January 2

Shoplifting, 100 block of Fayetteville Road, victim Dollar General

## January 3

Injury to personal property, larceny, breaking and entering, 300 block of South Main Street, victim Jeffery Walker

## January 6

Larceny of a motor vehicle, breaking or entering a vehicle, possession of stolen property, resisting, delaying or obstructing a public officer, 500 block of West Prospect Avenue, victim Robert Johnson Jr.

Larceny, 400 block of South Magnolia, victims William McMillan and Rulinda McMillan

## January 7

Larceny, 200 block of North Dickson Street, victim Michael Zalewski

## January 8

Larceny, 100 block of Lantern Lane

## January 11

Resisting a public officer, 100 block of North Main Street, victim State of North Carolina

## January 13

Assault on a female, simple physical assault, breaking and entering, 700 block of North Jackson Street, victims Shirley Hart, Bryonte Virgil and Taylor Williams



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 Rainbow Tea March 10, 6 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Bucks remain unbeaten in conference play



Silas Love heads in for a layup in the Bucks win over Pinecrest last Friday night. Love had 12 rebounds and 8 points in the win and was recognized prior to the game for scoring his 1,000th career point in the Holiday tournament back in December.



#10 Dakari Johnson defends a Patriot player Friday night but it was his three-point shooting that secured the win for Hoke County after he hit three 3-pointers in a row and ignited the crowd and the Bucks on to victory 54-44. Johnson had 21 points and hit five three's in the win.



#10 Kiya Locklear at the free-throw line as the Lady Bucks fell 51-42 to the Lady Patriots last Friday night in Raeford.



Jaquante Harris launches a three-pointer in the Bucks 54-44 win over Pinecrest last Friday night. Harris had 10 points in the win.

BY HAL NUNN  
Sports writer

The Hoke County Bucks boys basketball team used great defense and some crucial three-point shooting to withstand a late run by the Pinecrest Patriots last Friday night to maintain an unblemished record (6-0) in the Sandhills Athletic Conference. Hoke jumped out to a 16-11 first period lead and then stretched that lead to 27-20 at the break off pressure defense and great perimeter shooting from freshman Jaquante Harris and Dakari Johnson.

In the third period, the Patriots outscored the Bucks 15-10 and actually took the lead late in the period when Dakari Johnson went off from behind the 3-point line hitting three deep baskets in a row to put a halt to any more Patriots onslaught and pulled away to win by ten, 54-44. Coach Quame Patterson said, "our defensive pressure really stepped up and helped get them out of sink and yes we took a few charges but that helped clog up the middle and we limited their three-point shooting".

Dakari Johnson led the way for the Bucks with 21 points (five of them three pointers) and Jaquante Harris 10 points. Senior big man Silas Love was held to 8 points but he pulled down 12 rebounds in the win.

Before the game, Love was recognized for reaching 1,000 career points and Coach Patterson was recognized for his 150th career win in front of the packed house at MacDonald Gymnasium.

In the first game of the night the Lady Bucks fell behind 11-5 in the first period and then trailed 29-10 at the break. The girls did not give up and stormed back to outscore the Lady Patriots 15-12 in the third and 17-10 in the fourth but the first half production put them behind enough they could not close the gap and fell 51-42. The Lady bucks are 5-9 overall and 3-3 in conference play.

Both teams have a light week this week with only one game and that is Friday night at Hoke as the Lumberton Pirates come to Raeford. The Lady Pirates are 13-2 overall and 4-1 in conference play. The boys are 7-8 overall and 2-3 in conference play heading into the home game Friday night.

## Hall of Fame ceremony set for January 26

BY HAL NUNN  
Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Athletics Hall of Fame committee is getting set to induct eight new members January 26 during a banquet at West Hoke Middle and game at Hoke High. The committee has selected the following names for induction this coming year in the Athletic Hall

of Fame: Michael Morrissey Class 1989, William Kershaw Sr. Class 1970, Santes Beatty Class 1993, Winfred Winston Class 1987, Dezi Dockery Class 1987 and Glen Langdon 1968 Coach. The Roll of Honor recipient will be the late Jimmy James Sr-Band Director and the Legacy Award will go to William Hollingsworth Sr from Upchurch High School. There will be a Dinner and

Banquet at 5:00 p.m. the day of January 26, 2018 at West Hoke Middle School followed by a Public Induction Ceremony in-between the girls and boys basketball game at Hoke High. Tickets for the dinner, banquet and basketball game are \$20 and can be purchased at Hoke High.

The Hall of Fame Committee for this year consisted of, Billy Colston, Cheryl Cunningham, Deborah Carpenter, Vernon Morrissey, Gary Brigman, Walter Barnhill, Charles Jacobs and Deborah Purcell. A full complete biography with pictures will be published next week in The News-Journal.



### Lady Bucks donate to Play 4 Kay

The Hoke County Lady Bucks basketball team presented a check for \$100 to the Jack Britt Lady Buccaneers before their game last week in Cumberland County. L-R, Lady Bucks Head Coach LaToya Ray, Cimone Alicea and Mahogany Matthews with several players from Jack Britt and Coach Nattie McArthur. The Play 4 Kay Free Throw Challenge is the largest initiative of the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

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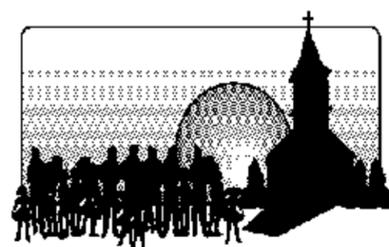
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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Walter B. Jordan, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to John O. Jordan and Michael R. Jordan as Co-Administrators of the Estate of the decedent at 112 E. Edinborough Ave., Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 10th day of April, 2018, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Co-Administrators.

This the 10th day of January, 2018, John O. Jordan and Michael R. Jordan, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Walter B. Jordan Willcox, McFadyen, Fields & Sutherland Attorneys At Law 112 E. Edinborough Avenue Raeford, North Carolina 28376 45-48P

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO: 17 SP 250

IN THE MATTER OF The Foreclosure of a Deed of Trust executed by Termaine Billinger and Sakeena D. Billinger as Grantors dated December 10, 1998 and recorded in Book 466 Page 921, in the Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Trustee: John G. Briggs, III Present Record Owner(s): Termaine Billinger and Sakeena D. Billinger

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Termaine Billinger and Sakeena D. Billinger dated December 10, 1998, to Bobby Burns McNeill, Trustee, and recorded in Book 466, Page 921 in the Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, DEFAULT having been made in payment of the Note thereby secured by the Deed of Trust, by the undersigned Trustee through counsel will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Hoke County Courthouse Door, in the Town of Raeford, North Carolina, on February 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., the following real estate located in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

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Being all of Lot 5, Palmer Tract, Blue Springs Township, Slide 2-16, Map 004, Hoke County Registry, Raeford, NC.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23. The said real estate to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the undersigned Trustee nor the Holder of the Note secure by the Deed of Trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed on, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the Holder of the Note make any representation of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all unpaid taxes, including State and Federal Tax Liens with respect given to the Internal Revenue Service and to which the right of redemption applies, special assessments, and all prior liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, restrictive covenants or other restrictions of record affecting the property, of record and any recorded releases.

At the time of sale, the highest bidder will be required to make a cash deposit or cashier's check (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, payable to John G. Briggs, III, Trustee, with the remaining balance to the bid amount to be paid on the day following the expiration of the applicable ten (10) day upset bid period in certified funds. The highest bidder will be responsible for the payment of revenue stamps payable to the Register of Deeds and any final court and/or auditing fees payable to the Clerk of Superior Court which are assessed on the high bid resulting from this foreclosure sale.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. §45-21.19 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 sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. That 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.

This the 9th day of January, 2018, LEWIS, DEESE, NANCE & BRIGGS James R. Nance, Jr., Attorney 330 Dick Street Fayetteville, NC 28301 (910) 323-3500 46-47C

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA HOKE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO: 17 SP 251

IN THE MATTER OF The Foreclosure of a Deed of Trust executed by Robert Demond Jackson and wife, Pamela Michelle Jackson as Grantors dated April 18, 2011 and recorded in Book 940 Pages 860, in the Hoke County Registry, North Carolina.

Trustee: John G. Briggs, III Present Record Owner(s): Robert Demond Jackson and Pamela Michelle Jackson

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Robert Demond Jackson and Pamela Michelle Jackson dated April 18, 2011, to Regina Roberts Sutherland, Trustee, and recorded in Book 940, Page 860 in the Hoke County Registry, North Carolina, DEFAULT having been made in payment of the Note thereby secured by the Deed of Trust, by the undersigned Trustee through counsel will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Hoke County Courthouse Door, in the Town of Raeford, North Carolina, on February 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., the following real estate located in Hoke County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Parcel ID#: 294420001121 Address: 1525 McPhaul Road, Shannon, NC 28386

Being all of a 5 acre lot as shown on a plat entitled Subdivision for Wright Business Investment, LLC, Antioch Township, recorded in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 4-21, Map 005, Hoke County, NC.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23. The said real estate to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the undersigned Trustee nor the Holder of the Note secure by the Deed of Trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed on, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the Holder of the Note make any representation of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all unpaid taxes, including State and Federal Tax Liens with respect given to the Internal Revenue Service and to which the right of redemption applies, special assessments, and all prior liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, restrictive covenants or other restrictions of record affecting the property, of record and any recorded releases.

At the time of sale, the highest bidder will be required to make a cash deposit or cashier's check (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, payable to John G. Briggs, III, Trustee, with the remaining balance to the bid amount to be paid on the day following the expiration of the applicable ten (10) day upset bid period in certified funds. The highest bidder will be responsible for the payment of revenue stamps payable to the Register of Deeds and any final court and/or auditing fees payable to the Clerk of Superior Court which are assessed on the high bid resulting from this foreclosure sale.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. §45-21.19 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 sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days written notice to the landlord. That 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.

This the 9th day of January, 2018, LEWIS, DEESE, NANCE & BRIGGS James R. Nance, Jr., Attorney 330 Dick Street Fayetteville, NC 28301 (910) 323-3500 46-47C

## CREDITOR'S NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before The Clerk COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE MATTER OF ALTON MCCOY 17 E 295

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Alton McCoy, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Alvita Graham, Executrix, of the estate of the decedent at 3001 L. McLaughlin Rd., Raeford, NC 28376, on or before the 12th day of April, 2018, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executrix.

This the 10th day of January, 2018, Alvita Graham, Executrix Of the estate of Alton McCoy 3001 L. McLaughlin Rd. Raeford, NC 28376 45-48P

## NOTICE OF SALE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 15SP287

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY JAMES C. LAMARCA AND AMBER DAWN LAMARCA DATED APRIL 26, 2012 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 987 AT PAGE 839 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 January 25, 2018 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 203 in a subdivision known as the Hollies at Westgate, Section 2, part 2, according to a plat recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 3-38, Map 6 in the Hoke County Public Registry.

And Being more commonly known as: 202 Saint George Dr, Raeford, NC 28376

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are James C. Lamarca and Amber Dawn Lamarca.

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.

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 mortgagor 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 December 21, 2017. Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 333-8107 <http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/14-061956> 45-46C

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HOKE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 17 SP 227

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust of MARY L. JONES and TE'MARA S. JONES, Grantors, to Frank W. Wishart, Jr., Trustee, and John H. Kelley, CPA, RLLP, Beneficiary, as recorded in Book 1105, Page 625, Hoke County Registry, See Substitution of Trustee as recorded in Book 1211, Page 537, Hoke County Registry, appointing CHRIS KREMER as Substitute Trustee.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Mary L. Jones and Te'mara S. Jones dated 10 February 2015 and recorded on 23 February 2015 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, North Carolina, in Book 1105, Page 625, and because of default in the payment of indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court for Hoke County, North Carolina, entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the undersigned, Chris Kremer, Substitute Trustee, will expose for sale at public auction on the 24th day of January, 2018 at 12:00 noon at the door of the Hoke County Courthouse, Raeford, North Carolina, the following described real property in Hoke County, North Carolina (including any improvements thereon):

Lot Number Seven (7) as shown on map entitled "West Raeford Row" as prepared by Thomas J. Matthews, R.L.S. and recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, Page 2-21, Map 5, Hoke County Registry.

The address for the property is 106 Hidden Creek Lane, Raeford, Blue Springs Township, Hoke County, North Carolina, 28376.

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

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

The record owners of the above-described real property as reflected

on the records of the Hoke County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice are Mary L. Jones and Te'mara S. Jones.

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

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

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASE-HOLD TENANTS residing at the property: be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after 1 October 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon at least ten (10) days' written notice to the landlord, but no more than ninety (90) days, from the sale date noted herein. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This the 28th day of December, 2017, Chris Kremer, Substitute Trustee 120 West Pennsylvania Avenue Suite 48 Southern Pines, NC 28387 Telephone (919) 478-5284 Publish: 1/10, 1/17/2018 45-46C

## NOTICE OF SALE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION HOKE COUNTY 17SP109

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY REY VARGAS DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2013 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 01025 AT PAGE 0356 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 1:00PM on February 2, 2018 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:

The date of this Notice is January 5, 2018. Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 333-8107 <http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/17-092361> 46-47C

# NOTICE!

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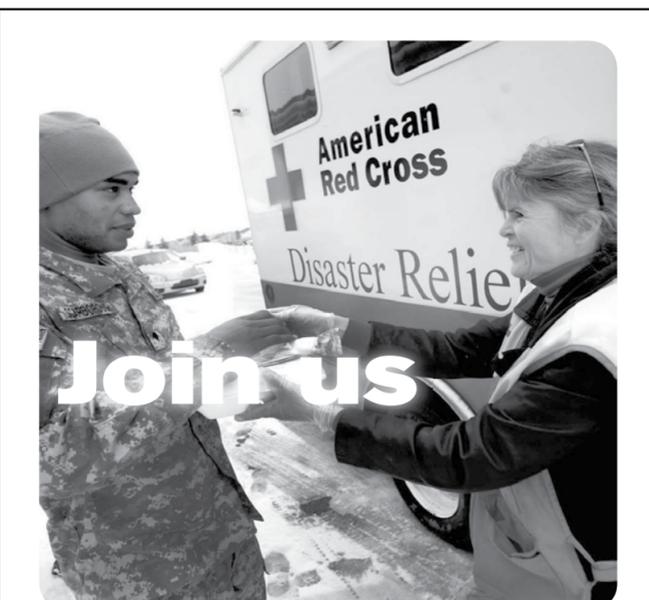
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# 'Fail your way to success,' speaker tells MLK gathering

By CATHARIN SHEPARD  
Staff writer

When Hoke County businesswoman and realtor Melody Samuels launched her very own cleaning company, Maid 2 Shine, more than six years ago, she had no idea she would soon be trying to manage her company from a hospital bed.

But even after being diagnosed with large-cell lymphoma, Samuels used her cell phone, working from the hospital as she underwent treatment, to keep arranging services for clients.

"When you're passionate about something, it doesn't matter what it is, when you're passionate about it, there's nothing that can take you from doing that," she said.

Samuels was the guest speaker Monday at the Hoke County NAACP Youth Council's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. About 50 people, including local children, attended the program at the Hoke County Public Library to hear from local speakers and participate in the special occasion.

Samuels shared her story of her struggle to launch her own business while battling the cancer that could have claimed her life.

"Stage 4B, they usually count you out when you reach that," she said.

"One day, the doctors called my mom and said, you need to bring her here now, we think we have a way to help her."

Samuels responded to the new course of chemotherapy, and in 2013, she went into remission. Five years later, she looked back on that time in her life with thankfulness.

"I had my family, I had my friends, and I had my community. I think everybody in Raeford was praying for me, and I think if it wasn't for your prayers and you guys believing in me and supporting me, I wouldn't even be here today," she said.

When she first opened her business, Samuels chose to support a nonprofit initiative called Cleaning for a Reason. The nonprofit, nationwide organization offers free housekeeping services for people who are battling cancer. Actually being a cancer survivor herself put a new perspective on

her volunteering with the program, she said.

"I think it's really ironic that I chose the foundation that I did choose, and actually having to go through it myself, and having to depend on other people, not just family and friends but the community's support so that I could be okay. I was used to taking care of people and then people had to take care of me," Samuels said.

The takeaway lesson, she told the assembly, is to try to reach your dreams even if you face obstacles and to not be afraid of failure.

"The thing is, we don't chase our dreams and we don't go after what we really want in life because we're afraid to fail," she said, naming Oprah Winfrey, Tyler Perry, the Coca-Cola company and Ford Motor Company as people and businesses with humble beginnings that grew to worldwide recognition.

"I live by the quote, you have to fail your way to success. I've come through many, many obstacles in my business, to where I felt like I wanted to give up...but you just have to believe in yourself and be persistent enough to know that whatever you're trying to accomplish, it may not happen overnight," Samuels said.

Besides running her own business, Samuels decided to go back to school to become a realtor. Now, once a month she holds homebuyer seminars to help educate potential homeowners.

"That's my way of giving my time back and trying to help people. If you look at Dr. Martin Luther King and his story and how he gave back...if you look at most successful people, their focus is on giving back and how they can help other people...you can't just chase after money and expect to be successful," she said. "If you get where you're going, you always need to reach back and help someone else."

The program included Minister Corey Allen of Center Grove Baptist Church, April Stubbs, president of the Youth Council, and Jada Brown of the Youth Council and praise dance by Chyna Delk-Bratcher and Chinaya Bratcher of Fear-less Dance Ministries. The MLK Day celebration challenged participants to join in the 100 Acts of Kindness program from January 16 to February 14.



Melody Samuels talks about her struggles at a Hoke NAACP Youth Council celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (Catharin Shepard photo)

## Other Stuff

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unapologetic misogynist and racist, I told him I'd not be printing any more of his letters. I added, however, that if he won a lawsuit (indicating by court action that it wasn't frivolous after all), we'd run a story about that.

Wednesday, when he first turned up outside, it was just before people would begin arriving to pick up their weekly paper. I felt the need to issue an explanation of what they were seeing. (Indeed, one person called and thought WE were the ones doing the protesting.) So I turned to Facebook, and concisely explained what was going on. Predictably, a range of comments followed, some defending our action of banning this man's views, others condemning it as censorship. The latter group cited the guarantees of the First Amendment, and suggested all views should be published.

I get it. Censorship is a knife to be wielded oh so carefully. But while the First Amendment gives

this man the right to say what he wants, it doesn't require us to publish it.

Though censorship is generally odious there's a place for it. All newspapers place limits on what they'll print. It's our policy—in so many words, printed nearly every week in our Viewpoints section—that we will not publish letters in "poor taste." It's a broad characterization, for sure, but intended to foster CIVIL discourse,

a responsible proffering of various and sometimes opposing views on community issues. Problems with violations in this area usually play out with my asking a letter writer to remove a sentence or paragraph, or reword a phrase, that may, for example, be libelous or legally defamatory. In my 30 years at this newspaper, this man is the only one whose opinions I've finally banned from consideration. He earned this distinction by glee-

fully, proudly and repeatedly (though I'll give him also politely) throwing a wrench into the works of community with intentionally divisive, hurtful hateful words. Those who want to play along can search them out in the nether regions of the internet, but you won't find them here. Except that if he obtains any legal permits to protest, you may also find them in front of our office. ♦

## 3 are Patriot's Pen winners

Three Hoke County Schools students received honors last week for participating in the annual Patriot's Pen essay writing competition, and area veterans will host the district level competition this Saturday at Sandhills Community College.

East Hoke Middle School student Quinecia Hayes won first place and Jayden Bryant won second place in the Patriot's Pen contest, while SandHoke Early College High School Student Yaneliz Bryant won first place in the Voice of Democracy speech-writing contest. American Legion Post 20 presented the winners with medals, certificates of appreciation and prize money for their winning essays.

The Patriot's Pen is a middle school level writing competition that challenges young people to write about various topics related to patriotism. The Voice of Democracy competition is a high school-level competition that asks students to present a

spoken essay about democracy. Both programs are through the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) national organization, and also have district, state and national levels of competition.

Yaneliz Bryant will go on to compete at the district meeting Saturday, to be held in Pinehurst.

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# Frozen



Pipes and faucets—like this one on Magnolia Street—froze solid in the unusually cold weather. (Contributed photo)

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low temperatures that stuck around for weeks, with the exception of a brief warm-up last weekend. Snow is in the forecast again for Wednesday, with Hoke County predicted to get an estimated one to two inches.

Another warm-up is on the way for early next week, but with temperatures dropping below freezing at night for several more days, homeowners should continue taking precautions to avoid a hefty repair bill.

If a water customer notices unusual low water pressure at their home or another issue with the water system to make them suspect a problem with frozen or burst pipes, they should take action quickly to prevent further damage.

"If they are able to lift the meter box cover, look to see if your meter's spinning. If it is, contact us immediately," Baxley said.

If a city water customer's pipes do freeze and burst, leading to a leak that would drive their bill up, they should contact Raeford

City Hall and speak to the water department.

"We'll work with the citizens," Baxley said.

Besides customers' water pipes, Baxley said he's seen some cases of backflow preventers rupturing from the cold, but all in all, the city's infrastructure has weathered the cold well.

There are some things that residents can do to try and avoid having frozen or burst pipes. Foam insulators that attach to exterior faucets are available inexpensively at hardware stores and can help keep exposed pipes from freezing. However, given the on-going cold snap and existing low temperatures already affecting the area, Baxley said the best thing to do to prevent frozen pipes is to try and insulate the underside of a home and to run the taps a little.

"Make sure foundation vents are closed and leave some water trickling in sinks," he said.

Pipes that freeze most frequently tend to be ones that are most exposed to the cold, like outdoor hose spigots, sprinkler lines and swimming pool sup-

ply lines, pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas like basements, garages and crawl spaces.

Removing attached garden hoses, draining them and covering outdoor spigots can help if done before the onset of cold weather, according to the American Red Cross. Adding insulation to crawl spaces or exposed water pipes can also help. Opening kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate to the plumbing can prevent frozen pipes, too.

Low water pressure is the telltale sign of a frozen pipe. If pipes freeze, it's possible to take steps to help thaw them out. Keep the faucet open to let water flow through the pipe. Using a portable heater or hair dryer to slowly warm the air around the frozen pipe can help if the pipe is easily accessible — but if not, or if a homeowner can't find the frozen pipe, it's best to call a licensed plumber.

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After an apparent brush with a tractor-trailer on US401 near Chisolm Rd. Monday, a dog and its owner appeared okay. No information was available about the late afternoon wreck. (Ken MacDonald photo)

# Wreck

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any serious injuries in the accident.

A doctor reported that it's possible Vanhoy had a heart attack, causing him to fail to stop in time to keep from running into Branch,

according to the Highway Patrol. No charges were filed in the accident, which snarled morning commute traffic for hours Tuesday as emergency workers responded to the wreck.

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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.

## January 25

The HOKE DEMOCRATIC PARTY monthly meeting will be held Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Hoke Library main conference room. All registered Democrats are welcome.

## January 29

The HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room located in the Pratt Building, 227 N. Main Street, Raeford. The public is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Hoke County Department of Social Services at 910-875-8725.

## February 2

Hoke County Parks & Recreation still has space available for the SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP to the ARK ENCOUNTER for April 23-28. The balance for this trip is due February 2.

## February 6 & March 6

COFFEE WITH COPS will be held at Hardee's at 4 p.m. **February 9, March 9, April 13, May 4 & June 8**

AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS SCHEDULE (Adult/Child/Infant) Classes are held from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Classes may be changed/cancelled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. Call the Hoke County Health Department to register or for more information at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106. Class fees: CPR/AED only - \$45; First Aid only - \$45; First Aid/CPR/AED - \$60.

NOTICE: In order to keep our Calendar up-to-date, we are adding an expiration date to the following announcements. If you would like the event to continue in our calendar after the expiration date, please call (875-2121), fax (875-7256) or email (robin@thenews-journal.com) requesting this at least a week before its expiration.

## Military service-connected meetings

RALPH A. PANDURE VFW POST 10 meets the second Monday of each month at its Post Home, 145 Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Road at the Raeford Airport. For information contact Commander George Balch at 910-875-4410, e-mail gbalch@nc.rr.com or visit us on Facebook. (expires February 2018)

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 17 meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 145 Hanger Lane, Raeford. It is located off Doc Brown Road at the Raeford Airport. For information contact Adjutant George Balch at 910-875-4410 or e-mail gbalch@nc.rr.com (expires February 2018)

Calling all ACTIVE AND RETIRED NAVY, MARINE AND COAST GUARD to join Fleet Reserve Branch 259 located in Fayetteville. The Branch and Unit meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Retired Military Association building off Gillespie Street. (expires May 2018)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 20 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For information, call Calvin Ely, 910-261-6716 or John McRae, Adjacent, 910-286-1705. (expires February 2018)

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 62, the "Sandhills" Chapter for Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines and Pinehurst, meets the 1st Saturday of each month, 1800 hrs at the Southern Pines VFW Post 7318 Clubhouse in Southern Pines, 615 South Page St. All

present and past Special Forces soldiers are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Chapter 62 President, Tom Galbicssek at: tngabs@yahoo.com (expires May 2018)

## Others

If you would like to be a part of giving back to our schools and community, please join HCAA, PO Box 2113, Raeford, NC 28376. To find out more about this great organization and to register, please visit our website and Facebook page. Website: https://hokecaa.wixsite.com/HCAA; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/HokeCountyAlumni/#HokeCountyAlumni (expires April 2018)

The ROCKFISH COMMUNITY BOARD meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockfish Town Hall Building, 2950 Lindsay Rd. Anyone can attend these meetings. More information can be found on our Facebook page - Rockfish Community Board and on our website at www.rockfishreview.wordpress.com. (expires February 2018)

The HOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at different locations countywide. For more information visit our Facebook page - Hoke GOP or visit our website at www.hokegop.com. (expires February 2018)

HOKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WIC hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted. Call 910-875-2298 to schedule an appointment. (expires May 2018)

FRESH START RECOVERY GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS holds weekly meetings. Mondays from 8-9 p.m. at Hoke County Public Library, 334 N. Main St.; Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. at Raeford United Methodist Church (enter rear door, leads to basement), 308 N. Main Street. 24-hour NA hotline number is 866-418-9500. (expires February 2018)

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the last Tuesday of each month at Pittman Grove Baptist Church. The meetings are from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (expires November 2017)

MAGGIE'S OUTREACH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MOCEDC) is looking for Mentors over the age of 21 to be a mentor to our youth. We are looking for mentors to help change the lives of our At-Risk Youth (boys and girls) in the community. You must be able to pass a background check and be willing to commit to making a difference. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities in mentorship, contact our office at (910) 875-6623 or mbdevelcenter@mocedc.org. (expires February 2018)

ENROLLING NOW for MAGGIE'S ROAD TO SUCCESS (RTS) computer classes. We offer basic, intermediate, advanced computer classes and social media (Facebook) and/or Instagram classes. You do not have to know anything about the computer. Classes last for 8 weeks and are 2 sessions per week. We are located at 7350 Tumpike Road. Call 910-875-6623 for more information. (expires February 2018)

MAGGIE'S OUTREACH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (MOCEDC) Youth & Family Center has slots available for after-school care & tutoring. Enroll now for the 2017 School Year. Tutoring 3 days (scheduled session only) - after school 5 days 3 - 5 p.m. Includes snacks, recreational activities and peer-to-peer team building. For more information, contact us at 910-875-6623 or visit us on the web at www.mocedc.com or email at mbdevelcenter@mocedc.org (expires February 2018)

HOKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT offers a variety of healthcare services available by appointment Monday - Fridays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. which includes Primary Care, Child Health, Family Planning, Maternal Health, and much more. To schedule your appointment or request information call 910-875-3717 or visit us at

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# Safer stops

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authority, they are even more responsible for ensuring that a routine traffic stop ends well," Peterkin wrote.

Peterkin said that he wrote the book because he wants to work to close the gap between law enforcement and the community.

"It is important that law enforcement, drivers and the community close the gap that has created a serious distrust and disconnect that has led to confrontations, serious injury and sometimes death during a traffic stop," the sheriff wrote. "As a

law enforcement officer for 30 years, I know first hand that law enforcement and the community need each other and the more we understand and respect each other during a traffic stop or any encounter, there is less chance of sadness and tears in the end."

"This book is about staying alive, and rebuilding the trust between law enforcement and the community. I think it's important that law enforcement takes ownership in the problem because we have a bigger responsibility to make sure that a routine traffic stop goes safely," Peterkin said.

The book includes chapters on ethics in law enforcement, supervision and accountability, community policing, training, reasonable suspicion and probable cause to conduct a traffic stop, vehicle searches, use of force, bias-based profiling (racial profiling), a step-by-step instruction for how to stop for a cop, how to file a complain, frequently asked questions and answers, and more.

"Let's stay alive. The number one rule is that everyone safely goes home from a traffic stop," Peterkin wrote.

There are also more personal

stories included in the book, telling the story of why Peterkin himself chose to go into a law enforcement career. One chapter talks about Raeford and Hoke County figures who influenced him, such as Dave Barrington, Artie McPhatter, Raz Autry and others.

"The book was not only professional, it was very personal," the sheriff said. Peterkin "put his heart and soul" into the project, he said.

The book will be available around the end of February. The sheriff is launching a Facebook page, How To Stop For a Cop, and

more information will be provided on his website.

Beyond the book, the sheriff plans to create a statewide task force of people of all races to include grassroots leaders, civil organizations, teenage drivers, local and state government officials and others.

The task force will "sit down at the table and address concerns" between the public and law enforcement, and work to identify any new training that needs to be made mandatory for law enforcement officers.

"Our goal is to be proactive,"

Peterkin said.

Peterkin is the elected sheriff of Hoke County, a position he has held since 2002.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in government and business from Liberty University, a master's degree in management and public administration from the University of Phoenix.

He is also a doctoral candidate for organizational leadership and management.

He has worked in law enforcement for more than three decades.

# Chained

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with silver markings embedded on their teeth from trying to chew their chains off," she said.

Once the chains were on, Pylant and Paider spent three hours outdoors in 28-degree weather that, with the wind chill, felt more like 18 degrees. Even wearing winter clothing, her body temperature dropped to 95 degrees by the time the event ended. That's the point where hypothermia, a potentially life-threatening condition, can set in, according to the Mayo Clinic.

They didn't suffer any permanent injury from the cold, but even so, it was a

painful experience, Pylant said. The two participants had intended to see how long they could last, but it took less time than they expected to become unbearable.

"My hands were trembling after the first 30 minutes and within an hour and a half my whole body was trembling," she said. "My hands and feet were so cold they hurt to move. My neck hurts so bad today from the collar and chain. It is torture. We are supposed to love and protect our animals."

Although dogs and cats have fur, that doesn't mean they don't suffer from the cold, and in extreme conditions can even die from it. A

local resident reported finding a German Shepherd-type dog frozen to death in an East Hoke subdivision earlier this month.

"You hear the excuse all too often 'they have fur' so I had on multiple layers and a blanket and I was still freezing," Pylant said. "Their fur isn't magical. My temperature dropped so rapidly I decided I needed to stop just after the 3-hour mark. Just because something doesn't die doesn't mean they aren't suffering, and we see too often dogs are dying being left in the cold. When they are chained they cannot go seek out a warmer place, and let me tell you if they could they would."

The fundraiser brought in over \$1,000 that will be used to help provide warm shelter for dogs kept outside. But it's better to bring animals indoors in cold weather, Pylant said.

"If you have a dog chained outside or living outside please consider making them part of the family inside. They are pack animals and crave your love and will repay you with a lifetime supply of loyalty," she said. "If you will not bring them in please make sure they are fully protected from the elements. If you don't have the resources to make that happen reach out. You would be surprised how complete strangers will help you if you ask."

If there is a concern about potential mistreatment of an animal, people should speak out, Pylant said.

"If you see an animal suffering take notes...do they have shelter? Food? Water? Take photos if you can and call the authorities. They have no voices! They need us to speak for them! Call your local animal control or Police Department," she wrote in an email.

The fundraiser is ongoing, and can be seen online at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/143504129602397/>. Hoke County Animal Control can be contacted at 875-4148.



Tracey Paider braves the cold.

# Rockfish

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the cold with no recourse to help them?" she asked the crowd.

As the community board looks into the possibility of incorporating Rockfish, all state General Statutes are being followed, Harper said. The board has looked at the boundaries of the Rockfish fire district "to make it an easier process," she said.

The board held a public input session, during which three people spoke and raised concerns they had about potentially incorporating Rockfish into its own city or town.

Lynette Smith, who spoke during the public input period, said

she called the cities of Fayetteville and Raeford and was told by both that neither has any plans to annex Rockfish.

Annexation is different from incorporation. Incorporation creates a municipality, while annexation brings one unincorporated area under the authority – and tax base – of another city or county. Changes to annexation laws that resulted from a lawsuit over Fayetteville's forced annexation of the Gates Four community made it more difficult for municipalities to forcibly annex areas without residents' agreement.

Regarding problems such as trash on roadways and hungry

children, Rockfish doesn't need to incorporate to address those issues, Smith said.

"We can do this as a community. We don't have to do it as a city," she said.

Residents David Averette and Maurice Anchetta also voiced their concerns during the public input session.

Supporters of incorporating the Rockfish community have said they believe that incorporation would allow Rockfish to become a self-supporting, self-governing municipality. The community is in the fastest-growing part of the county and has undergone much change over the last decade, from

increased traffic on the roads to a population boom.

The Hoke County Sheriff's Office announced last year plans to create a substation within the Rockfish Fire Department to be able to better respond to emergencies in the community, and improvements for some of the most heavily traveled roads are on the Department of Transportation's schedule.

In other business, spokesperson Hal Nunn discussed launching the Rockfish Review, a newsletter for the community. Brown talked about plans to bring the Rockfish/Hoke County Fair back again this year, with a need for sponsors

to join in defraying costs. Nunn reported that the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) has signed on as the title sponsor for the Fair.

Brown also announced the date for the 2018 Memorial Day celebration in Rockfish. The event will be held Saturday, May 26.

Harper provided an update on the Rockfish Community Chamber of Commerce, which has adopted the Backpack Buddies program to help provide food for needy children in the Rockfish community. A portion of the chamber's membership dues goes toward supporting Backpack Buddies.

"We are developing other programs as well, hopefully an apprenticeship program to help prepare our young people for better job employment," Harper said.

The chamber is also looking at applying for grants. Plans are additionally in the works for a Rockfish Small Business Association.

The next Rockfish Community Board meeting is set for February 8. The board holds meetings at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at 2950 Lindsay Road.

The board also has a Facebook page, available at <https://www.facebook.com/rockfishboard>.

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