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3 firefighters hurt, house destroyed

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

Three firefighters were injured and a family's home destroyed in a fire Sunday while the homeowner was out celebrating his birthday, according to emergency

management officials. Nathan Sandioval of the North Raeford Fire Department and Kim Kissler and Dewayne Seals of the Pine Hill Fire Department suffered injuries while battling a fire at 3345 Reservation Road. Sandioval experi-

enced chest pains from smoke inhalation, while Kissler suffered breathing problems associated with smoke and Seals tore ligaments while fighting the fire. All three were transported to a local hospital for treatment, according to Maj.

Freddy Johnson of the Hoke County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division.

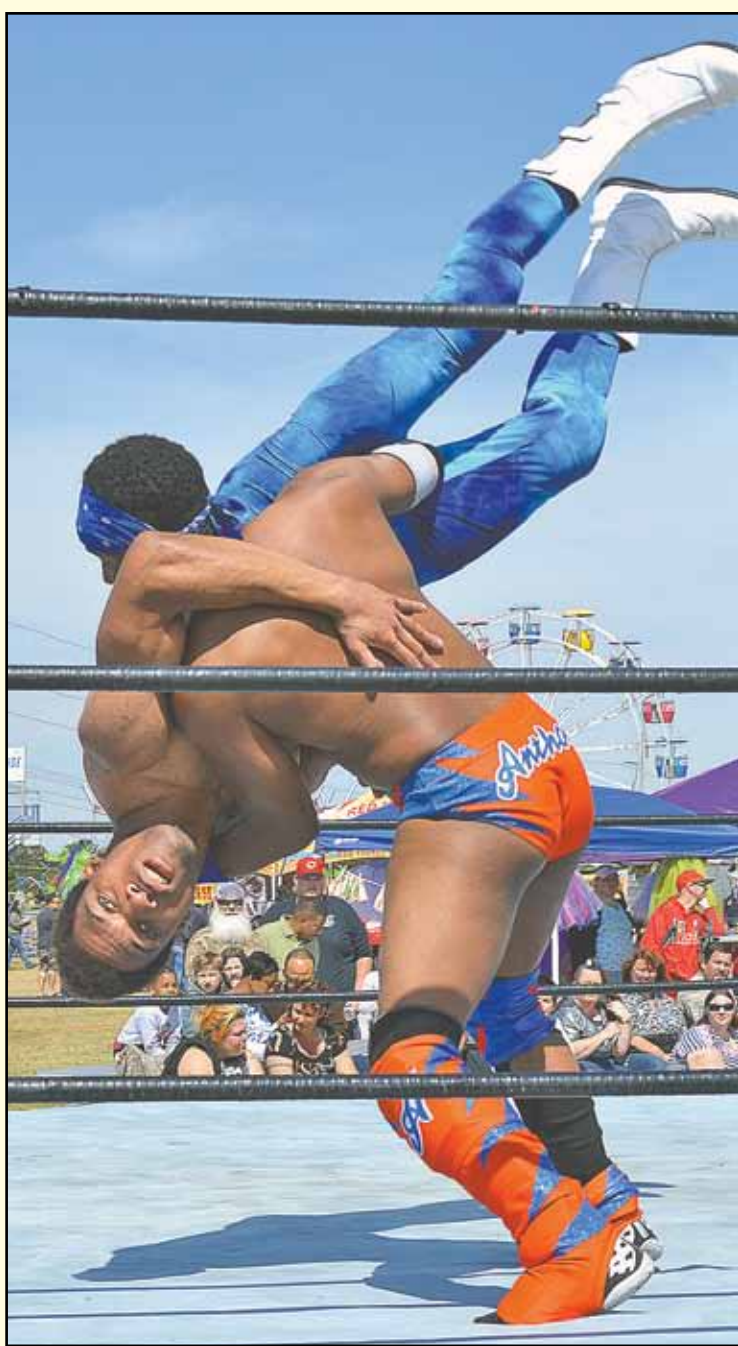
Homeowner Carl Chavis, 71, and his wife Rebecca and their family were out of town celebrating his recent (See FIRE, page 7)



When firefighters arrived, a house, outbuildings and the yard were burning. (Freddy Johnson photo)

Hoke Fest brings on the fun

Children enjoy the rides at Hoke Fest, a carnival held at East Hoke Middle School last week. Crowds were reported strong on Friday and Sunday. Saturday's chill held some back. (Catharin Shepard photos)



WuhWoh: From the expression on his face, Danger Zone Wrestling's Trent Nitro seems to know he's in a tight spot as James Anthony body slams him in a wrestling match. (Hal Nunn photo)



Wet, not cold hurting farmers

By CATHARIN SHEPARD
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The recent cold snap didn't have a major impact on local farmers, but the wet fall turned into a wet winter that's still causing problems, according to the cooperative extension.

Howard Wallace, director of the North Carolina

Cooperative Extension's Hoke County office, reported that most area farmers won't suffer from the unusually cold temperatures that prompted freeze warnings across the Sandhills.

Some farmers had already started planting corn, but for the most part, there (See WET, page 10)

Officer spots suspicious car, makes arrests for break-ins

Investigators with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested two suspects last week after reportedly finding stolen items in their car.

Deputies arrested LTreshion Dominic Gilmore, 21, of the 300 block of John Brown Road and Austin Lee Cummings, 22, of the 200 block of Loop Road. Both were charged with breaking and



Cummings Gilmore

entering a motor vehicle, misdemeanor larceny and conspiracy.

A patrol officer reported seeing a vehicle driving (See ARRESTS, page 4)

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Crowds brave chill of wind to see Stoneybrook Steeplechase



Children were able to ride, too, at Stoneybrook (above); but the big draw was the real horses. (Catharin Shepard photos)



By CATHARIN SHEPARD
Staff writer

The fierce, chilly winds whipping through the trees at the Stoneybrook Steeplechase didn't discourage a line of youngsters eagerly waiting their turn to take their own turn at being jockeys.

"Mom! Hey, Mom!" One young boy yelled, making sure his mother was watching before

clambering up the side of the mechanical bull. A few bucks later and he was sliding off onto the padded floor.

Children and adults alike bundled up against the cold Saturday to take part in the annual "Rite of Spring" for the Sandhills at the 65th annual running of the Steeplechase, which was its 16th annual running at the Carolina Horse Park.

Thousands of people traveled to Hoke County to enjoy the festivities, which included local beer and spirits tasting, stick horse races for kids and the Stoneybrook Warriors 5K.

The strong winds didn't keep people from donning elaborate hats to compete in the annual hat contest, though they did keep a tighter hold to the carefully (See STONEYBROOK, page 4)

A story of two doors



By KEN MACDONALD

Listen, children, to a story of two doors. Unused and rarely seen in decades, they hung from a wall in the corner of a sunless, seldom-used warehouse in downtown Raeford.

In the days—the 1940s and '50s—when a Buick dealership thrived in the building on the corner, the doors proclaimed in black and white who could and couldn't use the bathrooms behind them. "White" and "Colored" read the signs on the doors.

They were signs of the time, when Jim Crow laws mandated separate (See DOORS, page 10)





Junior Beta Club members are Damir Watkins (left to right), Anayah Wike, Aniyah Wall, Jaliyah Morrissey-Patterson, Janiah Glapion, John Thomas Buck Squier, Jeffry Ramos-Alejandro, Piper Hill, Kanada Legette, Kiersten Carter-Jackson, Juanita Britt, Miguel Sanchez-Jimenez, Jacob Romero-Gonzalez, Lazarus Deynes, and Salah Sutton. Not pictured: Keondre McBryde. Sponsors are Glendia Black-Flippin (rear), Joelle Hannigan, and Amanda Flor. Principal is Alfred Hammond.

West Hoke Elementary club qualifies for Nationals

The West Hoke Elementary Junior Beta Club won awards in the North Carolina Junior Beta Convention February 1. The team will go to national competition in June. WHES qualified to participate in the national competition in four categories. Rankings are as follows:

Language Arts Division I: 1st Place—John Thomas Buck Ontiveros Squier
Math Division I: 2nd Place—

Jeffry Ramos-Alejandro Quiz Bowl Division I: 2nd Place—West Hoke Elementary School

Science Division I: 3rd Place—Lazarus Deynes

The national convention will be held in New Orleans June 23-26.

The school is currently sponsoring several fundraisers to help with the cost of food, transportation, hotels, and admission costs. Any donations will help.

Krispy Kreme products will be sold through April 15 by BETA members.

Contact the school for more information.

Prices are:
\$8 Fresh Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnuts

\$9 Fresh Krispy Kreme Assorted Doughnuts (Chocolate iced, Kreme filled, Raspberry filled)

\$15 Krispy Kreme Value Card
\$8 Krispy Kreme Certificate

\$10 12 oz. bag of Krispy Kreme Coffee

A car wash is being scheduled. The club will be represented at Walmart on May 14th and June 11th.

BETA's mission statement is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. The club currently has 16 members.

BROWSING THE FILES



Leonard Frahm tells Hoke High students the good news—they're getting a new stadium.



Mrs. W.E. Willis, county home agent, instructs Mrs. Annie Kemp, homemaker for the Welfare office, on how to prepare commodity foods. The idea is to have nutrition aids pass on the knowledge to underprivileged families.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

April 7, 14, 16 & 21

FAMILIES ALL READ (F.A.R.) is a Smart Start program designed to encourage parents to go FAR with reading with their children. Children 0-5, when accompanied by a parent, will receive a free book each time and a special book each 5th visit. A drawing is held for a special book for children and another drawing for parents during each program. April 7, 6:30 p.m. - Rainy Days!; April 14, 6:30 p.m. - Family Literacy Workshop - The Magic of Reading Aloud; April 16, 2 p.m. - Pet Friends!; April 21, 6:30 p.m. - Nursery Rhymes!

April 8, May 13 & June 10

AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASS SCHEDULE (Adult/Child/Infant) Classes are held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Classes may be changed/cancelled depending on availability of instructor, holiday and inclement weather. To register or for more information, call the Hoke County Health Department at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106.

April 11

SEARCH Family Support Program parent support group meeting will be held at the Department of Juvenile Justice, Raeford, from 12 - 1 p.m. This is a time for those with children who have behavioral, emotional, and/or learning challenges to share their experiences and learn from others. Lunch and material are free. To register contact Shirlyn Smith at 919-906-7103 or toll free 877-776-6599 or by email at search.family.support@gmail.com.

April 13

Hoke County Schools Exceptional Children's Department will hold its first annual **AUTISM AWARENESS NIGHT** at East Hoke Middle School gymnasium from 5 - 7 p.m. This will be a good night for parents to gather information and make contacts within the community in reference to dealing with Autism issues, educational awareness and health issues. Members from the Autism Society are expected to be there. For more information, call 910-875-8009.

SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO will be held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the library. Seniors age 50 and up are welcome. There will be prizes and refreshments. Call Parks and Rec at 910-875-4035 for more information.

April 15

Parks & Rec will host the **FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL** from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in the LE McLaughlin senior room. Seniors 50 and up are welcome. Please bring a covered dish. There will be food, card and board games, pool and corn hole. Call

910-875-4035 for more information.

April 16

The annual **BOOGIE IN THE BOOKS** will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Hoke County Public Library. This family focused event will include the Hoke High Jazz Band, a D.J. and Just Us Plus line dancers. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$10 each. No charge for children. For tickets or more information, contact the library.

A CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FAIR will be held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at McLaughlin Park, Raeford. There will be free food, crafts, music, activities, bounce house and resources. On average, more than five children die each day as a result of child abuse or neglect in the United States. Protecting children is everyone's business.

The **ANNUAL HOKE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY** will be held at the Hoke County Health Department, 683 East Palmer Road, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free screenings such as blood pressure, blood glucose, HIV/STD, car seat safety checks and health information will be available. The event is sponsored by the Hoke County Public Health Advisory Council and Community Partners. For more information, call the Health Education Office at 910-875-3717 ext. 2106.

The Hoke Democratic Convention will be held at 10 a.m. April 16 at the county annex building.

APRIL 18

The **DSS BOARD MEETING** (regular meeting) will be held in the Commissioner's Room located in the Pratt Building, 227 N. Main Street, at 3:30 p.m. For further information, contact the Hoke County Department of Social Services at 910-875-8725.

April 20

The **JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in the Hoke DJJ Conference Room at 1 p.m.

April 21

The **HOKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY** will hold its next monthly meeting at PK's Grill at the Raeford Airport beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone can attend the open portion of this meeting. For more information, please see our website at www.hokegop.com.

May 3, June 7 & July 5

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

May 7

Parks & Rec will host their annual **SENIOR CITIZENS MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON** from 12 - 2 p.m. in the LE McLaughlin senior room. We are accepting the first 40 participants to register by calling the office at 910-875-4035.

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

least a week before its expiration.

Military service-connected meetings

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

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

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 20 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Teal Drive. All members and those interested are encouraged to attend. For information, call James McKee, 910-277-0597 or John McRae, Adjutant, 910-286-1705. (expires June 2016)

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

Others

FRESH START RECOVERY GROUP holds weekly meetings. Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. at 334 N. Main St.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 8-9 p.m. at 399 Oakdale Gin Road; Wednesdays from noon - 1 p.m. at 399 Oakdale-Gin Road. 24-hour NA hotline number is 866-418-9500. (expires June 2016)

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

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 June 2016)

47 Years Ago

April 17, 1969

A prisoner awaiting trial for breaking and entering slips out of a restroom on the second floor of the Hoke courthouse and slides down an insulated wire to freedom. Sheriff Dave Barrington says that, when found a few hours later at a junkyard, the prisoner complains of sore hands.

A contract is let for a new stadium at Hoke High School after a fundraising campaign over the weekend brings the total raised for the project to over \$20,000. Principal Raz Autry brings 1,400 students and teachers together to share the news. Upon hearing it, the students rise to their feet with "thunderous applause." S&G Pre-Stress Concrete Co. of Wilmington gets the contract.

"The Welfare Office does not know of anyone in Hoke County who is starving to death," says Mable McDonald, office director. She is responding to a Fayetteville Observer article that implies otherwise, quoting William Altman, who says some people are "slowly starving to death" here. "Nutritional hunger" does exist, she says, but the agency "does not know of any starving people."

A full-page ad announces the grand opening of the Tastee Freez, featuring "Carolina Fried Chicken." A three-piece chicken dinner, whipped potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and biscuits, is \$1.20. Also featured is Eastern Carolina Barbecue by Parkers of Wilson for \$2.25 per pound. And a bikini-clad young lady adorns the ad with the words, "This is the only chicken we'll take a back seat to!"

Carolina Telephone is introducing an "important change" April 14. At 12:01 a.m. a new service called "Directory Assistance" will be inaugurated. Similar to the previous service, Information, operators will advise callers if a requested number is in the new phone directory

and suggest they make a note of it. The change in name is to cut back on requests for information not related to phone numbers.

The Hoke Board of Education is surveying possible participants for a program to call back retired teachers, those with expired certificates and others who want to teach but lack professional training. The county faces a critical teacher shortage.

The town of Raeford is expected to be "The City of Raeford" by the end of the week. Town commissioners will be "City Council." State Rep. Neill McFadyen is introducing several bills affecting Hoke. Another is the creation of an elected school board to replace the appointed board now.

25 Years Ago

April 17, 1991

An Aberdeen & Rockfish train derailed at McCain and forces the relocation of young convicts at the community's prison. It's the first derailment in 26 years, say company officials. The train is carrying alcohol to the Chesebrough-Pond's plant on Main Street. The alcohol is "no great threat," except for the possibility of fire, says the official. One car receives "medium damage," one "light," and two "minimal."

William McNatt, maintaining his innocence, turns himself in, fearing for his life, after a manhunt following the murder of local businessman Tom Cameron.



This Is The Only Chicken We'll Take A Back Seat To!

From a Tastee Freez ad

While you were away...

I came by to help look after the house!

Happy Birthday Larry!

Please make sure you feed me every now & then. The Goat

ANNOUNCEMENT

Hoke County Health Department
683 East Palmer Road, Raeford, NC 28376

Hoke County Health Department provides high quality medical care for children birth up to age 21 years that do not have a medical home. Services include, well child physical exams, sport physicals, sick visits, and referrals to specialist with potential financial assistance. Call 910-875-3717 for more information or to make an appointment.

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VIEWPOINTS

School financing report: don't roll your eyes

We all know that money alone doesn't determine the quality of education our children receive. For that matter, ditto for teacher quality, parental input, availability of technology, class size, teacher-to-student ratio, availability of textbooks, and model of instruction. But all bear to a degree or another on effectiveness of education.

So, don't roll your eyes at the latest Public School Forum report on school financing in North Carolina. We might be tired of hearing it, but there's still a funding problem here in Hoke County—yes, here in Leandro-land, ground zero for a lawsuit that tied up the courts for two decades trying to improve the equity of school funding among counties. Essentially, the report indicates we're no better off than in 1994 when the Leandro lawsuit was first filed.

Here are the highlights:
 • Hoke ranks 95th of 100 counties in real estate wealth available to support

education. Even with all our growth, total adjusted property valuation versus number of kids to educate puts us fifth from the bottom.

• Hoke is 98th in actual effort considering our real estate wealth. In 2014, we spent \$533 per child, pretty much the same number for years. That's one-third the state average and compares to several thousand dollars each for the top 15 counties.

• Hoke is 98th in six-year capital outlay and debt service, again with \$522 per child, or one-third the state average.

• Factor in low-wealth assistance, added to Hoke's contribution per child, and we're 100th.

• Hoke is 98th in the state in ability to pay.

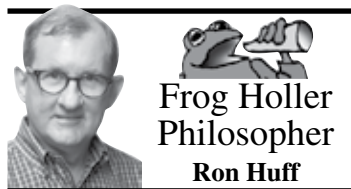
• Hoke is 70th in relative effort, a measure of actual effort compared to ability to pay.

It's old news, yes, but it's current too. And another generation of kids is going by.

A mighty wind blew in to Stoneybrook

Our unusual weather continues and we might as well get used to it. We have had white dogwoods blooming while the pink ones kept snoozing. The azaleas have bloomed in a totally unpredictable manner. I have one large azalea among a crowd of others that simply has not bloomed in spite of every other one in the bed being in peak form. Charlotte has tried to get the gardens in shape early for an anticipated party in early June and has been scrambling around every time the temperature dives toward freezing. Yesterday morning, after a freeze scare, our yard looked like all the plants had bloomed bedsheets and towels. The potted plants are huddled on the lawn for easy covering. The grass will suffer if they aren't soon distributed. I finally mowed the grass just to sweep up the leaves, chicken feathers and other debris in spite of the fact that the grass has not taken off yet.

This past weekend was Stoneybrook at the Carolina Horse Park in Five Points and we have been watching the weather forecasts in anticipation. Winds were forecast and they got that right! Temperatures were cool as well, so I bundled up in three layers hoping to shed at least one as the day went on. That never happened though the sun stayed out all day. When our friend Carl Strother showed up in a tee shirt, I just shook my head and offered him a spare jacket. I understand not believing the weather report, but come on Carl. His traditional Mad Hatter style Stoneybrook hat made up for the



Frog Holler Philosopher
Ron Huff

shortage in the clothing department. Our long time buddy Slim Rich showed up with his lawn chair and his new knees. The day was filled with old friends dropping by and the meeting of new ones.

Although she swore she wouldn't waste time on the hat contest this year, Charlotte could not resist and found a great old hat in a thrift store that served as a base for an array of small horses and support for long, shiny, spiral, hangy-down, ribbnesque things that just loved that wind. I spent 10 minutes trying to untangle the things and finally just gave up.

As usual, the hat contest was done differently from the year before. I don't blame them for trying to improve the difficult procedure, but I didn't see much improvement. This year, it appeared that the contestants were videotaped from a distance of about 20 feet. This was later reviewed by the judges after the line-up was dismissed. As you might imagine, the details of the hats surely lost something in the translation. Probably because of the weather, there were fewer entries than last year. Charlotte came away with a second place—not bad for a last-second decision to enter. She already has an idea for next year's hat.

There were some different

events this year, one of which was a band that was set up in the infield to play between races. Ethan Hanson from Hoke County was performing with some friends but, though I went by there at least three times, I was never able to catch a performance. I did see some other friends performing in the Turf Club tent, where I was able to sneak in long enough to hear a song or two, and replenish my Bloody Mary.

As we expected, the crowd seemed to be considerably smaller than last year's record turnout. It is no wonder as the wind had tents blowing around and people seeking windbreaks. Between my three layers of clothes and the application of some internal anti-freeze, I wasn't much bothered. I wasn't able to wear my wide-brimmed straw hat because of the wind and my substitute cap left me exposed to sun and wind and a bit red from the assault.

Our crowd this year was sadly diminished by the loss of our great friend and fellow Stoneybrooker Jean Hodges. She was a fixture of the races and we missed her greatly. This, coupled with Mom's decision to stay home while recovering from her recent hospitalization, left our crew smaller - but we soldiered on.

My social activities resulted in less attention paid to the races, but so what! It is all about the ambience and the fellowship. Though the weather was a bit windy and cool, the fellowship was in full spring bloom. We might just try it again next year! You should too.

More later.

Now South Carolina is the sane state

By THOMAS MILLS

Give John Hood credit. He's always looking for the bright side. While the state is again embarrassing itself and looking increasingly like Mississippi rather than the North Carolina that was once the leader in the South, John's touting North Carolina's economic growth since 2013. We're outpacing the nation and the region by a little bit. That's good news. The price we're paying, though, is tremendous.

Nobody can argue that North Carolina's reputation has not taken a hit. Instead of looking like the forward thinking state that led the South in the latter half of the 20th century, we're moving backward on social issues and our political leaders sound more like the partisans on Facebook than people steering the 9th largest state in the nation. It's embarrassing.

While Republicans in North Carolina are screaming about naked men in women's restrooms, South Carolina's Republican

Governor is opposing a bill to restrict transgender people's bathroom options. She calls the proposal unnecessary. The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce agrees and is actively campaigning against the Republican Senator who introduced the legislation saying, "We'll be working on electing serious senators next year who will be focused on addressing the state's infrastructure and workforce needs, and limiting government's role in our lives." What a stark contrast. And North Carolina's Chamber has been silent, a big shift from the days when it was a leader in shaping the state's national image.

Just three years ago, Esquire columnist Charles Pierce referred to North Carolina as "The Normal One." That distinction has now flipped. South Carolina is the sane state, while we've become a place of extremes.

North Carolina has the most extreme gerrymandering in the nation. Our voter suppression laws are among the strictest in

the country. Our teacher pay and per pupil spending dropped more than almost any state. Now, House Bill 2, disguised as a bathroom bill, is one of the most sweeping anti-LGBT laws in the country, preventing local governments from offering protections and denying victims of discrimination the right to sue.

And incidents like firing a highly competent university president for no apparent reason just adds to the shame. But that's the problem. Our leaders have no shame. They live in a bubble of right-wing talking heads along with Fox News and Breitbart where it's okay for the leaders of the House and Senate to call their political opponents "the far-left Political Correctness Mob." They're taking their lead from Hannity and Limbaugh, not Jefferson and Adams.

John's right. We should be arguing about economic numbers, not who's in the bathroom stall next door. With the leadership we've got in the state right now, that's not likely.

We welcome your letters

The News-Journal welcomes letters to the editor and encourages readers to express their opinions.

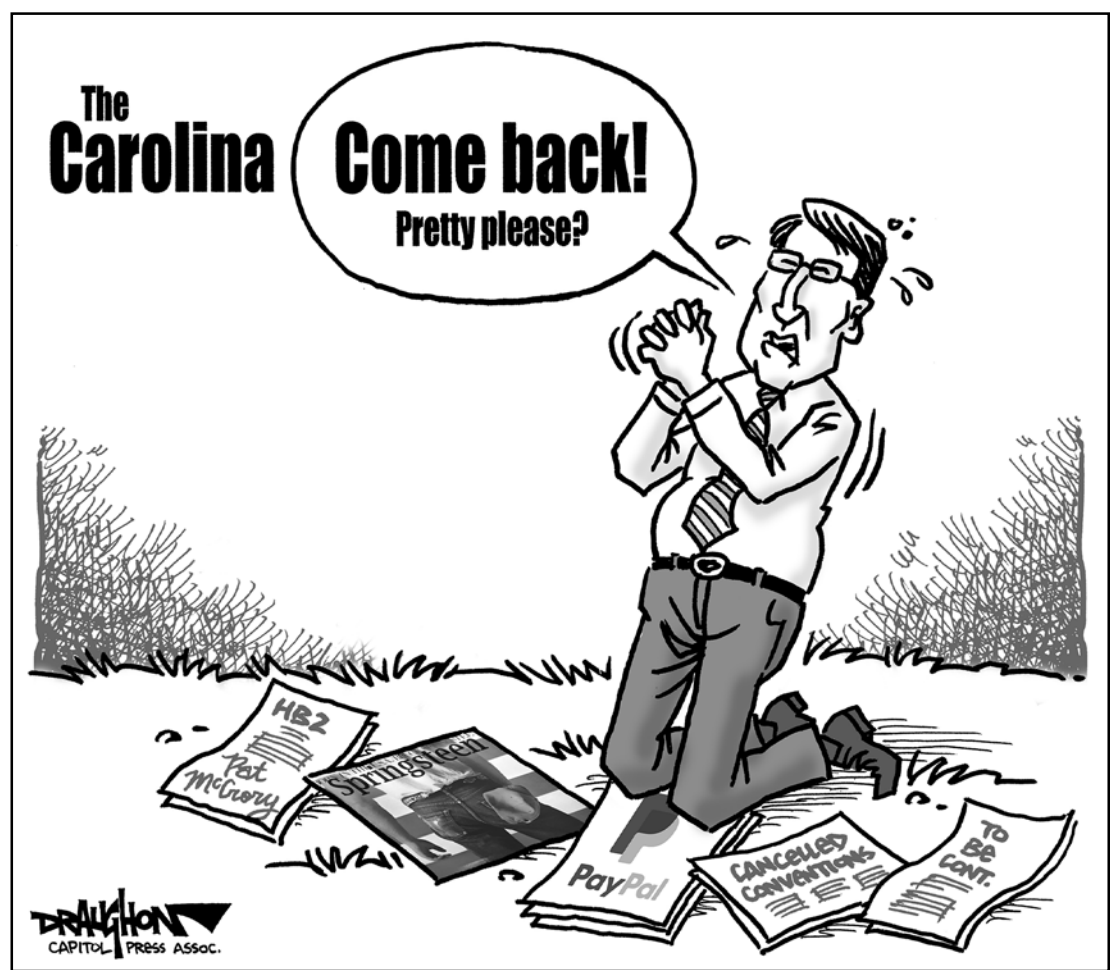
Letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. The street address and phone number will not be published, but are required so we may verify authenticity. The name of

the writer and, in some cases, the town the writer is from will be published at the end of the letter.

We are not able to publish letters that are essentially thank-you cards.

We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar, as well as those that exceed 300 words. We will not

publish letters that we consider to be in poor taste or libelous. In some cases we may add an editor's note as a postscript when we believe a correction, explanation or amplification is warranted. We may also, at our discretion, limit the number of times an individual writer may submit a letter for publication.



We Get Letters

Criticism of HB2 is hypocritical

To the Editor:

House Bill 2 protects the basic expectation of privacy while inside a restroom or shower while preventing municipalities from infringing on the rights of the people and businesses of North Carolina.

Despite the clear-cut facts, the hypocrites have spun details stating that those who support the bill are bigots and intolerant. The hypocrites say they support Equal Rights but instead insist on special rules for some while stripping away rights from others. The hypocrites believe it is perfectly acceptable to take away the basic expectation of privacy of a 16-year-old girl while in a

school locker room. The hypocrites believe it is acceptable to strike down the religious beliefs of anyone who stands in their way.

The hypocrisy extends to our own State Senator Ben Clark who is supposed to be representing Cumberland and Hoke counties. During his primary last month, he bragged that he had never missed a vote while in office. What is the first thing he does after the primary? He walks out on his responsibility and fails to cast a vote. We expect our representatives to have the courage to make tough decisions when facing controversial issues, not abandon their

responsibility.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo banned government travel to North Carolina because

"all people deserve the same rights." But the hypocrite traveled to communist Cuba despite their continuous imprisoning of journalists and severely punishing those who criticize the government.

It is shameful how hypocrisy has become louder than the truth.
 Dan Travieso
 Fayetteville

Editor's note: Travieso is a Republican candidate for District 21 of the state senate.

First, the 'lies,' then the 'truths' about HB2

To the Editor:

Here are some lies about HB2, followed by some truths.

• HB2 steals bathroom rights from LGBTs. Lie! It's never been legal in N.C. for gay men to use women's bathrooms or for lesbian women to use men's bathrooms or for transgenders to use opposite-sex bathrooms. Charlotte's ordinance, overturned by HB2, changed existing laws, violating the separation of powers in NC and state law. Public bathroom health/safety standard oversight is an NCGA responsibility. Municipal governments cannot move beyond existing state law when setting bathroom standards and/or gender use.

• HB2 is discriminatory! No! HB2 maintains the status quo. It's not discriminatory for males to use male bathrooms and females to use female bathrooms.
 • The NAACP-Rainbow Coali-

tion's standing against HB2 represents of the views of the black community. Lie! The majority of black women do not want straight, bisexual, or transgender men in their bathrooms.

• HB2 is a Republican ruse to get votes in November. Ridiculous! Angry voters took their opposition to transgender bathrooms to the NCGA. It's a grassroots movement, not a Republican-born, vote-getting strategy. DG Martin claims Republicans will add votes this fall with their HB2 support. Why? The majority support HB2!

• HB2 attacks LGBTs' rights. Lie! Charlotte's ordinance attacks women! Democrats voting against HB2, or walking out in protest, purposely or ignorantly, stood against a woman's right to privacy. Democrats scream "women's rights," but those standing against HB2 stand against women's rights.

• The NAACP's opposition to HB2 defends civil rights! Wrong! Illegal bathroom ordinances can't establish civil rights! The NAACP strayed off course, overturning the civil rights of black/white women to safety/privacy in public bathrooms.

• HB2 will overturn other established civil rights - housing, etc. No! A century of civil rights legislation refutes this claim.
 Barbara Richie Pond
 Raeford

Editor's Note: While our policy permits us to limit the number of letters published by an author, we're allowing this one, the third from Ms. Pond in the last month, in the spirit of airing other sides of the HB2 controversy, even the ones with which we don't agree. The editor was ready to move on to other issues, but our regular writers aren't, so ...

Monday is World Amateur Radio Day

To the Editor:

World Amateur Radio Day (WARD), observed every April 18, marks the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) in 1925. As they do every year, radio amateurs worldwide will take to the airwaves to celebrate Amateur Radio's contribution to society.

"April 18 is the day for all of Amateur Radio to celebrate and tell the world about the science we can help teach, the community service we can provide, and the fun we have," the IARU said in announcing World Amateur Radio Day 2016. "We hope you will join in the fun and education that

is World Amateur Radio Day!"

In Hoke County alone, there are over 70 "hams", as amateur radios call themselves. For more information regarding "WARD" or amateur radio, contact Tim Tapio, K4SHF tim@k4shf.com
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Obituaries

Herbert Lee Roper

Herbert Lee Roper, 65, of 309 Stephens Street passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in Pinehurst.

He was employed with Burlington Industries and the Town of Aberdeen for a number of years.

He is survived by his lifelong friend, Lib McCrimmon of Aberdeen; two daughters, Shekeeta (Brady) and Katrina McCrimmon, both of Aberdeen; five grandchildren, Savion, James and Cyndee Roper and Savannah and Keisha McCrimmon; one brother, David Roper; seven sisters, Carolyn, Doris, Jennie Belle (Roy), Francis (Frank) Roper and Bessie Harris, all of Raeford, and Mary (Cat) Davis and Ruth Armstrong, both of Jersey City, New Jersey.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 11 at Jones and Little Funeral Home, Aberdeen with Elderess Mary Baldwin of Mt. Lebanon Church of God officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Springs Cemetery in Raeford.

Samuel Rockholt

Samuel Rockholt, 56, of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

He was born December 30, 1959 in Hoke County to the late Craig Wesley Rockholt Jr. and Mamie Frances Hendrix Rockholt.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Wesley Rockholt and Casey Paul Rockholt. A third son, Travis Rockholt, preceded him in death. Other survivors include a sister, Wanda Sims and husband Jim of Jacksonville, Arkansas; and four brothers, Joe Rockholt and wife Pilar of Raeford, Mack Rockholt and wife Rhonda of

Biloxi, Mississippi, Jim Rockholt and wife Dana of Collinsville, Oklahoma, and George Rockholt and wife Linda of Raeford. Another brother, John Rockholt, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at Canvas Community Church in Little Rock.



Linwood Hayes

Linwood Hayes

Linwood Hayes, 68, of St. Pauls died Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Born October 18, 1947 in Red Springs to the late James Woodrow and Ethel Freeman Hayes, he was raised in Hoke County. He received an agricultural degree from North Carolina State University and spent his early years in farming. Once retired, he became the owner and master greeter at Tarpackers Restaurant in St. Pauls. An avid golfer, he was also a proud "Poppy."

He is survived by his wife, Sara B. Hayes; daughter, Dr. Jana Watts and husband Terrence Greene; granddaughter, Gabriela; brother, David Hayes and wife Patricia; and sister, Linda Melton.

A graveside celebration of life service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10 in Raeford Cemetery with the Rev. Pat Hash officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family

suggests visiting someone who is sick or lonely, or just needs company, or make a memorial contribution to St. Pauls Public Library, 223 W. Broad St., St. Pauls, NC 28384 or the RE Hooks Scholarship Fund, First Baptist Church, 302 S. Second St., St. Pauls, NC 28384.

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

Edward "Moose" Duke

Edward R. (Moose) Duke, 64, passed away Monday, April 4, 2016, following a brief illness, at the Goldston home of his daughter Kristy Duke Sloan and her husband Brian Sloan.

He was a welding instructor at Hoke High School for 13 years. He will be remembered by family and friends as a lover of opossums and someone with a story to tell. He could make you laugh or cry and you never knew if the story being told was a truth or a lie.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edward Milton Duke and Mary Alice McDuffie Heath. In addition to the Sloans, he is survived by his granddaughter, Riley Maynor; his stepmother, Peggy Sears Duke of Apex; his half-brother, John Edward Duke of Apex; and his half-sisters, Jodie Duke Denson of Fuquay-Varina and Ellie Gossett of Wake Forest.

A graveside service was held at the Bynum United Methodist Church Cemetery in Pittsboro at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Noah's Landing, Coats, NC.

Online condolences can be made at www.edmooseduke.com.

Boogie in the Books this Saturday

The Friends of the Hoke County Public Library will once again hold the annual Boogie in the Books fundraiser Saturday, April 16 from 7-9 p.m.

This year, people who show up to dance will be supporting the library's efforts to buy a bookmobile to extend services further into the county.

A live DJ will provide music for the evening. Refreshments will be available for guests to enjoy, and the event will also offer door

prizes and some dance instruction from the Just Us Plus line dancers.

The annual fundraiser has in the past collected money to help support the library's programs and needs, such as supplementing book-buying funds and purchasing items for the children's room. This year, the money raised will go toward the bookmobile project.

The Friends organization has worked for the last several years to get community support

and money through grants and fundraisers for the bookmobile. Most recently, the group held a donation drive with patrons buying memorial paving stones that will be installed in a garden area at the library.

Tickets for Boogie in the Books are \$10 and are available at the library, located at 334 North Main Street in Raeford. For more information, call the library at 875-2502 or visit the library's Facebook page.

Fourth person charged in burglary



Jones

A fourth suspect has been charged in connection with a home invasion and shooting that happened last September.

Investigators arrested Alisa Tashey Jones, 24, of the 600 block of Grant Townhouse in Maryville, Tennessee after a traffic stop. Jones was wanted in connection with a home invasion at Woodland Heights Mobile Home Park

Jones was arrested April 11

and held under a \$150,000 secured bond.

Investigators previously charged Carmen Justina Ordaz, 31, Dangelo Malik Turner, 18, and Zavierne Tirrell Davis, 20, in connection with the home invasion. The suspects were accused of breaking into the home of Michael Glenn Bryant and his family at Woodland Heights Mobile Home Park in the early morning hours of September 8, 2015. According to the sheriff's office, suspects forced their way into the home, walked past Bryant's 13-year-old son sleeping on the couch in a front room, and

went into Bryant's bedroom.

The suspects allegedly pointed a shotgun at Bryant and demanded money. A struggle ensued and, during the fight, the shotgun fired wounding Turner in the face. The suspects fled on foot with Bryant chasing after them. When Bryant continued to follow them, the suspects reportedly fired shots at him, striking him in the hand.

Bryant was taken to the hospital for treatment and released. An unknown person or persons dropped Turner off at a hospital. He was later arrested and charged.

Suspect charged in 2015 robbery



Harris

A suspect wanted in connection with a 2015 armed robbery was extradited to Hoke County after being arrested in Salt Lake City, according to authorities.

Officers arrested Brandon Jamal Harris, 22, of the 200 block of Purvis Court in Raeford on charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, possession of a stolen firearm, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, breaking or entering of a motor vehicle and

carrying concealed gun.

Harris was wanted in connection with an armed robbery reported April 9, 2015.

Deputies were called to the scene of a reported armed robbery on the 100 block of Iris Street, where Ryan Doby reported that he was robbed at gunpoint after getting a haircut at a shop on Iris Street. Doby told authorities that five men attacked him after he left the shop. Three of the men had guns, according to a report. The suspects allegedly assaulted Doby and took his wallet and other belongings and searched his vehicle. After the robbery, the five men fled the area in two vehicles, the sheriff's office said.

Detectives identified the sus-

pects and obtained warrants for their arrests.

Officers charged Jared Rashod Cole, 19, of the 300 block of Philippi Church Road; Antwon Shavon McLaughlin, 19, of the 6300 block of Arabia Road in Raeford; and Anthony Lavon McLaughlin, 19, of the 6300 block of Arabia Road in Raeford. All three were charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony breaking and entering a motor vehicle and felony conspiracy.

Investigators were still searching for Harris and for suspect Lamontae Copeland, 18, of the 200 block of Roanoke Drive. Harris was extradited back to Hoke County April 11.

Police Blotter

Raeford Police reported the following recent incidents:

April 5

Communicating threats, 1200 block of Fulton Street, victim Audrey McLean

Larceny, obtaining property by false pretenses, 600 block of Laurinburg Road, victim Raeford Salvage Co., Inc. and Beasley's Body Shop

April 6

Damage to property, 100 block of Adams Street, victim Hoke County Rescue

April 7

Lost/stolen property, resisting, delaying or obstructing a law enforcement officer, disorderly conduct, simple assault, 700 block of Laurinburg Road, victims Mandy Michelle Chavis and State of North Carolina. Police charged Michelle Locklear, 47, of the 200 block of New Lane in Shannon.

April 8

Lost property, 100 block of Fayetteville Road, victim Shirley Stubbs McRae

April 9

Assault on a female, assault in the presence of a minor, 500 block of East Edinborough Avenue, victim Jessica Ann Jacobs and Peyton Jacobs

April 10

Possession of drug paraphernalia, concealing a handgun, possession with intent to sell and deliver, 700 block of Laurinburg Road, victim State of North Carolina. Police charged Terry Austin Locklear, 25, of 90 Wayside Road in Raeford.

Stoneybrook

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Hackett won third place in the All-American category. Shannon Spell took first place in the Double Take category and Emily Sands received second place in the children and teens category.

Inge Zylka of Fayetteville won the Best in Show award after claiming the top prize for her Spirit of Stoneybrook hat.

All of this year's races were completely booked to capacity with horses. The five races featured several close competitions with two races decided by just a neck's length.

A horse from Ireland named Deficit, ridden by Ross Geraghty, won the \$20,000 Stoneybrook Cup by two and three-quarters lengths, with Albus and Fairbanks Gold coming in second and third.

Majestic Z, ridden by Michael Byrne, won the \$15,000 Stoneybrook Chase by two and a half lengths, followed by Aquies and Dr. K'Eogh.

The \$20,000 CenturyLink Hurdle went to Takepointsandrun, ridden by Darren Nagle. Nagle's horse won over Odi Et Amo and Outlaw Cody Z by just a neck in one of the most highly contested races of the day. Jockey Keri Brion, one of two woman jockeys riding in the Steeplechase, came off her horse So Outspoken in the race, and jockey Kieran Norris ended up pulling up his horse Cognashene before the end.

In the big event of the day, the \$25,000 Sandhills Cup, Jack Frost, a horse from Great Britain, and jockey

Ross Geraghty claimed first by half a length over Albany Road and Candy Man Can. Irish-bred horse Mizzen fell during the race with jockey Michael Byrne aboard, and jockey Darren Nagle pulled up his mount Second Amendment before the end.

The final race of the day, run on the flat, was the one-and-a-half mile The Pond House contest on the turf. Alajmal and jockey Willie McCarthy claimed the win by a neck over The Grange and Tremont Street. The French horse Molotof, ridden by Gerard Galligan, was another of the international equines that competed in the races.

The 66th annual Stoneybrook Steeplechase already has a date: April 8, 2017.

Detectives responded to the scene and arrested the two suspects. Gilmore was held under a \$20,000 secured bond and Cummings was held under a \$15,000 secured bond.

Arrests

(Continued from page 1)

officer found items in the vehicle that appeared to be stolen, according to a report.

"Upon a further check of the area, there were multiple vehicles in the area found to have been

gone through," according to the sheriff's office. There were also items belonging to Joe Francisco Gonzalez, who reported that his vehicle had been broken into and property removed.

Detectives identified the sus-

Open Discussion about Birth Control

The Hoke County Health Department will host a focus group to discuss birth control on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The focus group will meet in the Classroom of the Hoke County Health Department, 683 East Palmer Road, Raeford, NC. Men and women of all ages are invited and dinner will be served. Participants will receive a gift card at the end of the meeting. Call 875-3717 ext. 2104 to register today.

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The varsity softball team isn't the only team making some great strides this season on the diamond. The junior varsity Lady Bucks are 8-1 on the season, under the direction of Shaniqua Flowers, a first-year coach. The JV Lady Bucks are Harmony Jacobs (front row, left to right), Madison Locklear and Adrianna Telez; middle row: Alondra Jacobs, Kiara Jacobs, Selena Chavis, Kiya Locklear, Alicia Rodriguez and Kimberly Pyle; back row: Diamond Holmes, Victoria Jacobs, J'Maya Blue, Alissa Dial, Toree Carter, Hannah Chavis and Jamie Norris, team manager. Not pictured are the coaches, Shaniqua Flowers and Sakellie Daniels.

Lady Bucks softball team wins protest

By HAL NUNN
Sports writer

The Hoke County High School Lady Bucks' varsity and junior varsity softball teams have been on a tear as of late, posting some standout scores in their wins. The varsity team competed in the Robeson County Slugfest over the holiday break and came up one game short of a chance at defending their championship. The Lady Bucks slaughtered St. Pauls 20-0 but lost a tight one to Red Springs 6-4 and finished with a 6-4 win over Fairmont.

In the regular season, the Lady Bucks are 11-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference, winning a protested game against Scotland County last week. In the earlier game with Scotland County, the Scots made an illegal substitution in the game that they won. Coach Heather Glass of Hoke protested the game. It was replayed last week and Hoke won 5-1. That win put them at .500 in the conference heading into the game this week with Pinecrest who only has one conference loss. The Lady Bucks have won their last four games

and Coach Glass feels it is due to timely hitting with runners on base, sometimes with two outs. Richmond County leads the way in the Southeastern Conference with 10-3 overall and 4-0 conference records.

The junior varsity Lady Bucks are 8-1 on the season and their only loss was against league leader Richmond County in a one-run game 5-4. The junior varsity Lady Bucks are under the direction of Shaniqua Flowers in her first year as head coach of the junior varsity team. Sakellie Daniels is the assistant coach.

Raeford Racing Round-Up

By HAL NUNN
Sports writer

Rockfish Speedway results

The racing action kicked off on a cool, windy Saturday night in Hoke County at Rockfish Speedway off Lindsay Road. Defending champion in the Legends division, Fast Eddie Daniels, led flag-to-flag for 25 laps to capture the first win of the season. Michael McDonald finished second, Billy Gomez Jr. finished third, Ryan Shaberen finished fourth and John Long finished fifth. In the newly added Mod Lite division, Colton Bealsey also led flag-to-flag to

get his first win of the season on the first night of racing. Hurricane Hank Edwards finished second. Steven Dunn, a new driver from the area, drove all the way to West Virginia to pick up his brand new race car late Friday night and made it back to Raeford just in time to finish third in his first race at Rockfish Speedway. Jonathan Jenkins finished fourth and Jake Layton finished fifth. In the 600 Micros, Jason Brown got the win, Matt Jones finished second, Tim Nye (not the science guy) finished third, Brittany Trogden finished fourth and Jackson Wellnan finished fifth. In the 270

Micros, Matt Jones got the win, Jason Brown finished second, Ben McCall finished third, David Kellogg finished fourth and Dale Trogden finished fifth. Alannan Booniasz took home the win in the Mini Pro Go Karts and Sean Hancock finished second. Josh Gomez took home the win in the Pro Go Karts with Eric Cardona finishing second.

The next race for Rockfish Speedway will be held April 23 and will be Military Appreciation Night. Persons with a Military ID get in for just \$5. Gates will open at 3 p.m. and racing action begins about 5 p.m.

Just Putting Around

Bayonet at Puppy Creek

Eighteen golfers participated in the Wednesday Shootout last week at Bayonet. The winners were J.D. Godwin, Jose Vigil, Dooie Leach, Brian Daniels and Rich Burger with a 3-under. The team of Joe Westerlind, Chad Hamm, Richard Cook and Keith Jackson finished a close second with 2-under. The Friday Shootout winners were Rick Evans, Joe Westerlind, John Hudson and Peter Allen with a 4-under.

Upland Trace

The Saturday Morning group winners were Huse Lowery, Guy Wall and Steve Jumbelick. The Saturday "Pack" group winners were Keith Jackson, Grady Beasley, Brandon Jackson and Steven Jackson. The Sunday Afternoon

group winners were Chad Ham, Bucky Beasley and Ken Bullock.

Upcoming Tournaments

SandHoke Early College High School will host the 5th Annual SHECHS Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 30 at Deercroft Golf Club. Shotgun start begins at 1 p.m. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. The format is four-man captain's choice. Bring your own team or sign up as an individual. The entry fee is \$60 per player. Food and beverages will be served. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. The registration form is located on the SandHoke website at shec.hcs.k12.nc.us. Please contact Lisa Davis at 910-878-5806 for more information.

The 12th Annual Sheriff

Hubert A. Peterkin Golf Tournament will be held Friday, May 6 at Deercroft Golf Course with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration deadline is April 29. The format is four-man captain's choice. Entry fee is \$60 per player and includes range balls, cart, green fees, door prizes and pizza at noon. Beverages and meal after tournament. Contact Chief Deputy Gary Hammond at 910-624-2199.

The 18th Annual Partners In Education Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 7 at Bayonet at Puppy Creek with lunch at noon and shotgun start at 1 p.m. The format is four-man captain's choice with first place winning \$400, second place \$300, third place \$200, and fourth place \$100. The hole-in-one prize is a car from Bleecker Chevrolet. Entry fee is \$65 per person and includes lunch, green fees, range balls and door prizes. For more information, contact Jodie Bryant at 910-875-4106.

The 27th Annual Raeford Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, June 9 at Bayonet at Puppy Creek with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$65 and includes lunch, green fees, cart, range balls and door prizes. Hole-in-one prize is \$10,000. For more information, contact John Owen at 875-7169 or Bayonet at 904-1500.

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McLauchlin wins staff basketball game
McLauchlin and Upchurch Elementary schools held a friendly staff basketball game last week and McLauchlin Elementary got the win 48-33. Pictured are Patricia Corella (left to right), Jenna Brennan, Virginia Peel, Alan Caywood, Milton Matthew and Matt Harmon. Not pictured is Chris Evans.

Fighting Bucks Sports Schedule

April 13	April 14	April 18	April 19
Boys JV Baseball Home vs. Scotland 5 p.m.	Boys Varsity Tennis Home vs. Scotland 4 p.m.	Boys Varsity Golf at Pinecrest 2 p.m.	Boys Varsity Tennis Home vs. Purnell Swett 4 p.m.
Coed Varsity Track Home vs. Scotland 4 p.m.	Boys West Hoke Middle Soccer Home vs. Spring Hill 4:15 p.m.	Boys East Hoke Middle Baseball Home vs. Anson 4 p.m.	Boys West Hoke Middle Soccer Home vs. Ellerbee 4:15 p.m.
Girls JV Soccer at Richmond 5:15 p.m.	Boys Sandy Grove Middle Baseball Home vs. Carver 4:15 p.m.	Girls East Hoke Middle Softball Home vs. Anson 4 p.m.	Boys Sandy Grove Middle Soccer Home vs. Rockingham 4:15 p.m.
Varsity Baseball Home vs. Saint Pauls 6 p.m.	Girls West Hoke Middle Soccer Home vs. Spring Hill 4:15 p.m.	Boys Sandy Grove Middle Baseball Home vs. Rockingham 4:15 p.m.	Girls JV Softball Home vs. Lumberton 5 p.m.
Girls Varsity Soccer at Richmond 7 p.m.	Girls Sandy Grove Middle Softball Home vs. Rockingham 4:15 p.m.	Girls JV Soccer Home vs. Lumberton 5:15 p.m.	Boys Varsity Baseball Home vs. Purnell Swett 7 p.m.
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