

May Hobnob festival slated

When spring rolls around this year, Hoke County will become the stomping ground for music, arts, crafts, food and fun as the local Arts Council presents its first annual Hoke Heritage Hobnob May 4 and 5.

"The festival will give us all an opportunity to salute our heritage through the arts," Hobnob spokesman Mary Archie McNeill said.

"I think it will enhance Raeford and Hoke County," she added.

Included in the May festival will be a concert by the North Carolina-based Embers who will perform on the Hoke High School grounds Saturday, May 5.

"We will have something for everybody," McNeill said.

According to McNeill, 25 local and guest artisans will be participating in the two-day festival.

"We will have art displays, demonstrations, performances and concerts throughout the county," McNeill said.

"It is going to be two days of outdoor and indoor fun, food and frolic," she added.

"This festival is going to be very significant. It is an excellent initiative," McNeill said.

This year's event is designed to promote Hoke County, and backers are expecting to draw festival goers from the surrounding area.

Following the Embers concert on Saturday, an art auction along with a chicken dinner are scheduled.

The dinner is being jointly sponsored by the Raeford Kiwanis Club and the Raeford Woman's Club.

In conjunction with the festival, *The News-Journal* is sponsoring a statewide black and white photography contest, which will be on display at the Hoke County Library through May.

Hobnob week activities also will include musical performances at the library, and displays by local craftsmen and artists.

Promoters hope to make the Hobnob a self-sustaining annual event in Hoke County, and are gambling that the festival will receive the community support needed this year to keep it going.

... Couple sentenced for abuse

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In addition to the suspended sentence, Pate ordered the defendant to perform 24 hours of community service work within 30 days and to enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school.

McPhaul also was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court cost.

Daniel Eric Jones of Rt. 1, Raeford plead guilty to a second DWI offense and was given a one year suspended sentence with two years of supervised probation.

In addition, Pate ordered the defendant to spend the next four weekends confined to the Hoke Jail.

Jones was also instructed to surrender his driver's license, enroll in the alcohol and drug abuse school, obtain a substance abuse assessment, participate in a treatment program and pay \$250 and court cost in the action.

Allan L. Miller of Fayetteville plead guilty to his first DWI offense during court Thursday and was given a 60-day suspended sentence with one year of unsupervised probation.

Pate ordered the defendant to perform 24-hours of community service work within 30 days and to surrender his driver's license.

In addition, Miller was instructed to participate in a substance abuse treatment program and enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school.

Miller was also fined \$100 in the incident.

Marvin Keith Davis of Rockingham plead guilty to DWI charges and was given a 60-day suspended sentence with one year of unsupervised probation.

Davis was also ordered to perform 24-hours of community service work within 30 days, to surrender his license and to enroll and complete the alcohol and drug abuse school.

Davis was fined \$100 and court cost in the action.

In further unrelated matters, three Hoke residents received suspended sentences after pleading guilty to drunk and disruptive charges.

Frankie Smith, Stephen Britt and Herman Brown, all of Hoke County, were charged with impeding the flow of traffic.

Pate gave each defendant a 30-day suspended sentence and instructed them to pay \$20 and court cost.

In other court matters, Henry Goins Jr. of Rt. 1, Red Springs plead guilty to appearing drunk and disruptive at the Party Shop in Raeford and was given a 30-day suspended sentence for the charge.

Goins was also fined \$20 and court cost in the action.

In further action, Albert D. Chavis of Rt. 4, Fayetteville plead guilty to the larceny of a \$2.99 scarf from the Maxway store in Raeford.

Pate gave the defendant a six-month suspended sentence with one year of unsupervised probation.

Chavis was also fined \$100 and court cost in the action.

Mark S. Smith of Laurinburg plead guilty to speeding (66-45) and was given a \$10 fine and instructed to pay the court cost.

Thomas H. Gibbs of Fayetteville plead guilty to a stop sign violation and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court cost in the action.

The defendant gave notice of appeal.

Edward Steven Chavis of Greensboro plead guilty to taking a \$200 axle from an occupied mobile home.

Pate gave the defendant a six-month suspended sentence with one year of unsupervised probation.

Chavis was also instructed to pay a \$200 fine and court cost.

Ralph Edward Edge of Florida plead guilty to displaying a fictitious registration card and was given a 30-day suspended sentence on the charge.

Edge was also instructed to pay a \$20 fine and court cost in the action.

Clyde Boatwright of Fayetteville plead guilty to speeding (68-55) and was given a prayer for judgement upon payment of the court cost.



Speared through
This Arabia area tree seems to have been speared by a guy wire. The tree has actually overgrown the wire.

Downtown UCB closes Friday

United Carolina Bank plans to consolidate its 138 N. Main Street walk-up office in Raeford with its main office at 207 S. Main Street at the close of business on Friday, March 16.

United Carolina Bank has previously offered to give the building that houses the walk-up office to Hoke County for use in conjunction with the Sandhills Community College.

The bank has previously received approval from the North Carolina State Banking Commission to accomplish this consolidation.

The walk-up branch is a limited service office and has provided only teller services since the new main office was opened in September of 1979.

Bob Conoly, Raeford City Executive for United Carolina Bank, said the bank has plans underway to enlarge the drive-in facility at its Sunset Branch which is located one-half mile from its Main Street office.

Conoly also acknowledged plans to increase parking facilities at the main office.

The 24-hour teller machine which was installed at the main branch in March of 1983 has also been favorably received by the community.

All these strategies are part of United Carolina Bank's overall plan to improve banking services to the Hoke County community, Conoly said.

R.E. Kizer, Jr., Banking Group

Executive of United Carolina Bank said, "Rapid changes taking place in the banking industry, including escalating interest cost brought about by newly deregulated deposit accounts, make it necessary for banks to review their service delivering systems. We believe that we must take steps such as some branch consolidations in order to hold down operating expenses; these steps are taken in order to continue to provide service to all of our customers as economically as possible."

United Carolina Bank is reviewing the entire branch system and is taking similar steps where consolidations can be made without an undue inconvenience to customers, Kizer said.

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