

Lifestyles

Warm weather is harbinger of Rocky Mountain fever

This piece might well be considered our annual warning about Rocky Mountain spotted fever -- a reminder issued at this time of year because ticks, the critters that transmit the disease, become active when warm weather comes and stays active as long as summer lasts.

Although North Carolina no longer has the distinction of being the leader in the number of cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever reported each year, it did lead the Southeast in 1983 with 206 -- nearly half of all cases reported in the region. And that, according to Dr. Paul Hal Stuart, an Elkin family physician, should make everybody wary of the disease and its potentially dangerous consequences.

It appears Rocky Mountain spotted fever is spreading to the Southwest and picking up in incidence of the disease.

Oklahoma led all states in 1983 with 227 cases, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. With other Southwestern states also reporting an increase, indications of a shift in geographical areas most affected look likely.

Dr. J.N. MacCormack, head of the Division of Epidemiology for the State Health Department, is not quite sure why the disease is flaring up in the Southwest, or why the number of cases has dropped steadily in North Carolina since 1980. He did speculate that public awareness may be partly responsible, or perhaps more of the tick's

habitat is being used for building. He pointed out that when areas are developed, the tick population flourishes and then subsides noticeably.

Dr. Stuart said everybody who ventures into the tick's habitat during summer ought to be aware that the bite of the bronze-colored insect can cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever -- although not all bites do. It depends upon whether the tick itself is a carrier of the disease. He emphasized that parents of small children should be concerned with ticks attaching themselves when they play in infested areas.

(Editor's note: This column is a service of the N.C. Academy of Family Physicians.)



Giving Girl Scouts a hand

Charles Crowder (right) makes a sale of summer cookout raffle tickets to Vardell Hedgpeth (left) on Monday. Crowder is helping the Raeford Jaycees raise money for the Girl Scout camping program. Hoke County Girl Scout Field Director Emma

Mims (center) says the funds raised by the Jaycees will be used for day camping. The Raffle drawing will be held July 4 at the Hoke-Raeford Shopping Center. Prizes include a redwood table and benches, a seven foot umbrella and a gas grill.

EDDIE KNOX FOR GOVERNOR



My fellow citizens when I cast my lot with Eddie Knox I was convinced I had found a man of integrity. A man who would give a straight answer and promise only what he could deliver. I was also interested in finding a man who would see that small counties were treated fairly.

Eddie Knox came to Hoke County in December and rode in the Raeford merchants Christmas parade. He is well aware of the lack of respect small counties get when the people from these counties deal with state government.

I can't promise you what Eddie Knox will do for Hoke County as governor. I can promise you Hoke County will be treated fairly.

In choosing my candidate for governor I was not looking for a personal favor or any political pie. I do not have any personal political ambitions. I do have some ambitions for some of our young men and women. Hoke County should have a voice in the affairs of this state. Eddie Knox will give us that voice.

I ask you for your vote for Eddie in the May Primary. A vote for him as governor is a vote for Hoke County.

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Rockfish News

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Mr. and Mrs. Alec Edwards of Mebane visited Mr. and Mrs. Thoma McCall recently.

Mrs. Mary Benkosky, president of Rockfish Extension Homemakers Club attended district meeting in Elizabethtown Tuesday, April 24th.

The Rockfish Extension Homemakers Club held their monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Douglas Monroe Wednesday morning, April 25 with five members and one visitor present.

Club president, Mrs. Mary Benkosky called the meeting to order. After the business meeting, Mrs. Ellen Willis presented the program which emphasized caring and understanding family and friends.

At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess invited everyone into the dining room for a luncheon and a social hour was enjoyed.

Jason Turner of Fayetteville spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood and son Timothy spent the past weekend with Mr. Wood's mother, Mrs. Martin Wood.

Mrs. Charles Boahn is a patient at Highsmith-Rainey Hospital in Fayetteville.

Mrs. William Barefoot is a patient at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Long Jr., are out again after being on the sick list for a week.

Mrs. Herman Koonce and Mrs. Lawrence Barnard attended a planning meeting of the Extension Homemakers Clubs at the Hoke County Library in Raeford Thursday morning. After the meeting, they visited Mrs. Eric Wood and Miss Mary Sessoms at Open Arms Rest Home.

Mrs. Allen Wood has been "under the weather" for the past week.

Mrs. Homer Terry has returned home after spending five weeks visiting her son, Robert Terry and family and brother, Johnny McCall and family in Copperas Cove, Texas.

Mrs. Effie Forbis of Lumber Bridge and Mrs. Homer Terry spent Saturday in Mt. Olive with their aunt, Mrs. Ola Kargay, who returned with them for a visit.

Girl Scouts study drugs and abuses

Drugs and abuse were the topic of discussion during a special program held in April for Girl Scout Troop 301 at Scurlock School.

Hoke County Deputy Sheriff Ed Harris was the speaker for the program.

Scouts and their parents took part in the program, and Harris spoke about having an awareness of drugs and their uses.

FBI agent to speak to Amer. Legion

Special Agent Howard C. Burgis Jr. of the Fayetteville office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be the speaker at a May 8 meeting of the American Legion.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at the Edinborough Restaurant.

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