



Rolling thunder
Dark clouds and thunderstorms like this one over Raeford have been moving into Hoke County on an almost daily basis dumping more than 10 inches of rain on the area. The storms were predicted Tuesday to subside until next Sunday.

...DSS fraud cases investigated

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available, he said.
There is no local match needed for the money.
"We think there is a need here," said Witherspoon.
Most of the money will be available to single parent

households were that parent works, he said.
The director said that Hoke County was allocated a large portion of funds because of the poverty level in the county and because in past years, the program has been administered well and still needed more money.

New officers were elected at the board meeting.
Hoke County Commission Vice-Chairman Neill McPhatter was re-elected Chairman of the DSS Board.
Stephanie McFayden was elected as vice-chairman.

...Nursing home problem ages

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case, is unsure of when a hearing may be, he said Tuesday.
"If you have a bunch of people going after this thing, it will take a long time," Jernigan said.
"I sit in the role of administrative law judge," Jernigan said, explaining his role in the process.
A private attorney by profession, Jernigan was selected from a pool at the state level to hear the case, he said.
Jernigan will preside over all pre-trial hearings.
The two companies will present evidence to him, and he will make a recommendation to the DHR and Wilkerson, said Jernigan.
"My decision is not binding," he said.
Even the location of the hearing is not decided, he said.
"More likely than not, the hearing will be in Hoke County," he said.

It apparently will not make any difference where the hearing is conducted since testimony for public support behind either company will mean little, said Jernigan.
Public officials from Raeford and Hoke County fought for Brithaven to be granted the certificate of need during the Cardinal hearing.
Raeford City Manager Tom Phillips and Hoke County Manager William Cowan have been quoted as saying that Autumn Care did nothing to promote themselves to area residents.
Even an Autumn Care spokesman, Doug Suddreth said: "We didn't do a good job with public relations. I realize that."
"As far as I'm concerned, it (public sentiment) would not have any bearing. I don't know that it should," said Jernigan.
Although a public hearing was held before Cardinal Health made

a recommendation for the certificate of need, state officials say the influence of the public was minimal.
After a decision is made by the local health agency and that conclusion sent to the state, appeal processes, even within the Certificate of Need Section, do not consider public opinion.
In a previous interview, Lee Hoffman, DHR Project Analyst for the Division of Facility Services said: "When I do a case, I start from ground zero."
"I don't want to be biased in my decisions," she said.
Hoffman did admit she read letters sent to her by local officials supporting one company, but said that they were only one criterion considered in her decision.
According to the state officials involved with the case, the further the final decision gets from the local level, the less influence the public has.

New doctor opens Hoke practice

Dr. George B. Barth II has entered the Raeford community and started his first practice in Hoke County.
Commonly known as "Skip," Dr. Barth recently became the associate of Dr. Robert G. Townsend.
Barth and his wife Debbie have recently moved to Raeford from Long Island, New York, he said.
It seems the new doctor is just getting started in a number of ways in Raeford.
He was married three months ago, he said.
Barth, who broke the tradition of a four generation military family that includes two generals, did his undergraduate work at the University of Colorado at Boulder where he graduated with honors and as a Phi Beta Kappa in 1978.

He majored in molecular biology, he said.
He was graduated in 1982 from the New Jersey Medical School in Newark.
Barth's three-year internship was served in Bay Shore, New York.
Debbie is a Registered Nurse specializing in neo-natal care.
She is working at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center with a newly established program at the hospital.
She attended Rhode Island College.
According to Barth, he chose Townsend out of the many choices he had because of the up-to-date facilities the Raeford doctor offers.
Neither of the Barths have ever lived in the Carolinas.



Dr. George Barth

...Break-ins plague county residents

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to the matter, reports say.
Last Thursday, the Raeford Garden Restaurant reported a break-in.
Taken was \$50 out of a cash register and some food, reports say.
Carl Scott Bowers reported a

break-in at his home on August 22.
According to reports, entry was gained when someone broke a window and unlocked a door to the house.
Closets and drawers in the house were gone through.
Taken from the house was \$240 in cash, reports say.

Bruce Holland reported the August 21 theft of a utility trailer.
The trailer was taken out of his yard and was reportedly worth \$450.
Marvin Stubbs reported a break-in at his house on August 20.
A .12-gauge shotgun and \$50 in cash was taken, reports say.

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ABE P2001	17	ABE	Blue	Sep 3-Nov 22	McCain	M-F	12:30-3:30		
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ABE P2001	28	ABE	Cohen	Sep 9-Nov 25	McCain	M	6-9,		
ABE P2001	29	ABE	Cohen	Sep 4-Nov 22	McCain		2-5		
						F	6-9		
ABE P2001	30	ABE	Miller	Sep 3-Nov 25	McCain	M-Th	6-9		
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