

Opinions



"Sam just thanked me for the success of my economic policies...he said he'll be 'FOREVER IN MY DEBT!' "

Shoppers and livestock producers face same problem at meat counter

by W.B. Jenkins
N.C. Farm Bureau Federation
 Meat counter shoppers and livestock producers have something in common. They are both disappointed in this summer's prices. Cattle and hog prices have dropped off sharply but consumers are still not getting the full benefit of it.
 Hog and cattle producers have their backs to the economic wall. Prices they are receiving for live hogs and cattle are at levels that make it difficult to simply break

even. At the same time, retail prices of pork and beef are not much less than when live animal prices were significantly higher.
 You can't blame everything on packers and retailers. Packers sometimes operate in the red and retailers aren't always able to adjust prices quickly. However, the margin between what the producer receives and the shopper pays has widened to historically high levels this summer. Savings are simply not being passed along to the consumer. By one measure, fed cattle

prices have dropped 52% while retail prices dipped only 3%. As a result, demand for meat has remained sluggish.
 Farm Bureau at both state and national levels has urged retail associations to work to pass benefits of lower prices on to the consumers faster through lower prices, special features and other retail activities.
 Lower prices would help stimulate sales of red meats and that would be beneficial to producers, retailers and consumers.

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 helpfulness of the boys of Boy Scout Troop 404 of Raeford. They certainly conveyed the scouting spirit of which the citizens of Raeford can be proud.
 We appreciate your enthusiasm and kind remarks about this evening of fun. This truly was a community effort! We're looking forward to next year!
 Sincerely,
 Darlene Clark
 President of the
 Raeford Woman's Club

gressive city we all know it can be. And thanks to Sandy's investment of time and actual "hands on" work, the revitalization of the depot, and its practical use as the Chamber Office is approaching reality.
 With the Johnstons as our inspiration, let's all pitch in to make their leadership payoff.

Johnson, Cindy Tolar, Donna Noland and Patty Saunders. 230 people were screened during the day.
 Carolyn Robinson, Reginal Director of the North Carolina Affiliate of the American Heart Association co-ordinated the local association's booth on Main Street. Assisting Robinson from Raeford were Irma Hedgpeth, Emma Mims, Barbara Lippard and Rebecca C. Smith. They distributed free educational materials and recipes during the screenings.

Sincerely,
 Jean Hodges

Festival help is appreciated

To the Editor:
 The Hoke County Heart Association thanks the student nurses from Fayetteville Technical Institute for their help in giving free blood pressure screening during the Turkey Festival Saturday.
 Student nurses included Ellen McLaurin of Hoke County, Vicky

A major purpose of the Hoke County Heart Association is to contribute to improving the quality of life in Hoke County, and the health and well-being of its citizens.
 The Board of Directors of the HCHA expresses appreciation to all these volunteers who gave their time and talents during the Turkey Festival.

Enthusiasm, spirit made festival work

To the People of Raeford:
 On behalf of the employees of Hodges Associates, I would like to thank Raeford for the opportunity to participate in the work that went into making the Turkey Festival such a huge success. It was indeed inspiring to be associated with the people whose enthusiasm, hard work and real community spirit made that success possible.
 I feel we are all deeply indebted to Warren Johnston, editor of the *News-Journal*, who really put it all together. His talent for organization and direction of the committees involved (400 people), and his dedication to the project, deserve the highest measure of gratitude from all of us.
 Indeed Warren Johnston, is not only a rare talent but an asset that Raeford is fortunate to have. He and his wife Sandy are the kind of "movers and shakers" who will help to make Raeford the pro-

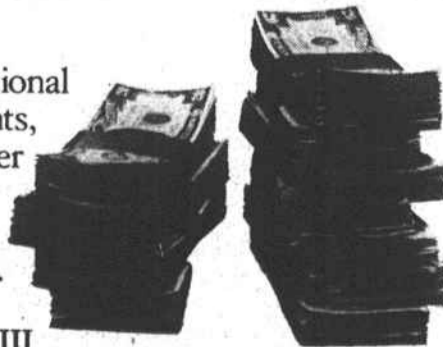
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 Meg Tilly (PG-13)
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