



**Nice toss**  
This athlete appears to have a good toss of this pole during the caber tossing competition Saturday at the Highland Games in Red Springs. The sport takes balance, as well as strength to be a winner. Photo by Becky Jones

## ...Around Town continued

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United Fund and paid out all the money during that time. Since then in talking with people about the fund and explaining who and what they funded, it was a surprise to them. Also the percentage of money needed to run the organization was a surprise.  
In the past few years more and more drives have been put on in the county by organizations that will not participate in the United Fund Drive. Years ago many businesses and individuals would not give to any drive that didn't belong to the United Fund. I think this was the right thing to do. It would make the task easier for the drive leader if there was only one drive a year in Hoke County.  
So when the volunteer leaves cards at your business, take time to pass them out and give your fair share.

should be shown that Hoke County citizens don't want to stand still or go backwards but want to move forward and see the tax base of this community grow.  
The proposed raise in your telephone bill will soon be eaten up in high taxes if we can't find some way to increase our tax base. This can be done by getting more people to build and live in Hoke County.  
There are many other things that go along with community growth, but you can't wait until you get all of them. You must start somewhere and this is what should be called phase one.  
So go to the Turlington School, Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. and help Hoke County move forward.

assistant to Congressman Bill Hefner, was by the house last week. He was making a trip to the county in the interest of the congressman. Elvis was chairman of the Moore County Democrats at the same time I was chairman in Hoke County. Our friendship goes back for many years.

I told him about the upcoming 75th Anniversary of Hoke County and told him we would like to have the Congressman here during the celebration. He said to let him know the date and that they would put it on the schedule.

He did say that Bill was back in good health after a mild heart attack in July.

From all reports the first Band Day last Saturday was a success. The Hoke High Band and the Band Booster Club should be commended for bringing this to the county. These are the things that will put Hoke County and Raeford on the map.

Elvis Jackson, administrative

The major league pennant races went down to next to the last day, so the upcoming series should be well worth watching.

Don't forget if you have any ideas or suggestions about the upcoming 75th Anniversary, please let the committee know.

## ...Health position given OK

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"Paperwork and administrative items have backlogged us," said Rogers.  
The health director had appeared before commissioners during the formation of this year's budget to ask for the extra person, but that request was denied.  
"We're doing our best. We're at the point now to where we're taking Wednesday afternoon for paperwork," said Rogers.  
According to the health director, members of the Hoke County Health Board had to write off about \$16,000 that was uncollectable because of clerical backlog.  
Had there been the extra person all along, about half of that could have been collected, said Rogers.  
The opening was created in 1983 when a person from the health department staff was transferred to the Hoke County DSS, said Rogers.  
The position has never been refilled.

Commissioner Cleo Bratcher, who also sits as a member on the health board was in favor of the action.  
"We feel the department could function a whole lot better if they had the position," Bratcher said.  
"We need the help. We need it bad," he said.  
"We have some hard working employees, and we're doing our best."  
Rogers said he does not like his professional people doing clerical work.  
A real problem currently being presented by the lack of personnel is that money reimbursed to the health department by the state is arriving in Hoke County very late because of the backlog of paperwork.  
"In the long run, the position would pay for itself in accountability," said Rogers.  
"There are deadlines to meet and the simple fact is we don't have the staff to do that and meet

the public too," he said.  
The position will cost \$10,710 for the remaining eight months of this fiscal year, said Hoke County Manager William Cowan.  
Funding for the salary will come from the county's contingency fund, said Balfour.  
In other action, commissioners:  
• Passed a resolution endorsing extended telephone service between Raeford and Fayetteville.  
• Passed a resolution endorsing a 5-cent hike in state gasoline taxes for upkeep on state highways.  
• Passed a resolution needed to offer for sale a piece of county land.  
• Granted a request from the National Guard that \$750 be given for upkeep to the new armory.  
• Appointed Caroline Shook to replace Rose Sturgeon, who has retired, as Supervisor of Elections in Hoke County.  
• Met in executive session for about an hour to discuss personnel matters and a legal matter.

The community meeting for local telephone subscribers Thursday night at Turlington School is one of the most important events to take place in the county in many years. The telephone company

## Third DWI conviction appealed

A Raeford man has appealed a two-year sentence given him last week in Hoke County District Court after his third conviction of driving while impaired (DWI).  
Robert Lee Purcell, 49, received the sentence after an arrest on August 31, according to court records.  
Purcell told persons in Clerk of Superior Court's office if he had been guilty, he would have taken his sentence, but that he was not driving the car.  
"The last two times I was in court, I plead guilty to the charge, but this time I didn't do it," he said.

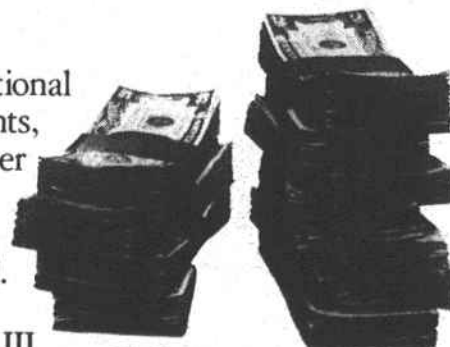
Purcell has been released from jail on \$1,000 appeal bond, records say.  
Lee Byrd Morrissey, also known as "Hawkbill," has also appealed a one-year sentence given him after he was convicted of possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver and a speeding charge.  
The 31-year-old Morrissey's appeal bond was set at \$1,000, records say.  
Willie B. Haywood Jr., of Red Springs, was sentenced to a year in prison suspended for two years on supervised probation, seven days in jail and a \$300 fine after his second conviction of DWI, accord-

ing to records.  
Haywood, 38, was arrested on July 7, records show.  
Also convicted of his second DWI offense was Terry Lee Parsons.  
The Raeford resident was arrested on July 4, records say.  
**Clarification**  
The Clarence Bratcher, who was mentioned in a news story last week for being convicted of stealing beer from the B&B Cash Mart, is not the Clarence Bratcher, 39, who lives at 403 Robeson Avenue in Raeford.

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