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## Around Town



BY SAM C. MORRIS  
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The hot weather is still here and it doesn't look like it is going away. Summer begins this week and I am wondering what kind of temperatures will come with it.

At least we have had some rain in the afternoons and this cools things off for a while. So far, we have been lucky and we haven't received any extensive damage like other places in the state.

The forecast for the remainder of the week, Wednesday through Friday, calls for the highs Wednesday and Thursday to be in the 90s and the lows in the 70s. Friday and Saturday the highs will be in the 80s and the lows in the 60s.

There could be thunder-showers every day except Wednesday. \*\*\*\*\*

I have found out some more information about the old house on North Stewart Street. In talking with Mrs. Crawford Thomas nee Marguerite Freeman she said that her mother and father had an apartment in the house when they were first married.

This was in 1904, and she said that Mr. and Mrs. Carey Stephens occupied the home. The Freemans later built a house on Magnolia Street, known by most people as the Make McKeithan home.

She doesn't know who owned or built the house and if anyone who reads this col- (See AROUND, page 5A)

## County tightens belt to avoid increase

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS  
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Moderation was the key word as a concerned board of commissioners tucked in the budget belt another notch, hoping to

keep it in line and promising not to raise taxes this year. Their Monday budget workshop was followed by a public hearing, where a majority of citizens present pleaded for extra funding of the Sheriff's budget to provide better protection.

Commissioners plan to tackle final obstacles to balance the budget in another workshop slated for tomorrow evening, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., prior to the June 30 deadline for approving the budget. Commissioners have expressed a commitment

to see all employees receive a mutually shared cost of living adjustment (COLA), totaling three percent of employees' salaries. According to the board, they are considering equally dividing the \$160,000 (See COUNTY BUDGET, page 9A)



Scene of Wednesday's crash on NC 211 at McCain which killed one and seriously injured three.

## Head-on crash in rain kills man

By PAT ALLEN WILSON  
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A head-on collision which occurred during a heavy rain last Wednesday afternoon on Aberdeen Road left a Hoke County man dead and three others with serious injuries.

The death of Camerino Carbajal,

25, of the 4000 block of Old Maxton Road, Red Springs, brings the number of vehicular deaths in Hoke County to five.

The wreck also injured Carbajal's passengers, Jose Mequita, 22, and Edi Sandoval, 24, whose addresses are listed as the same as Carbajal's. The driver of the other car, Libby B. Moodie, 52, of the 100 block of North

McNeil Street, Carthage, was also injured. She did not have any passengers.

State Trooper J.D. Hoover's report states the 1988 Buick driven by Carbajal was traveling southeast on NC 211 when it ran onto the right shoulder, went out of control and crossed the center line and struck the (See FATALITY, page 9A)

## Young mother raped, man in custody

By PAT ALLEN WILSON  
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A 22-year-old mother was allegedly repeatedly raped by an intruder over a period of three hours early this morning at her residence on Angel

Drive off Alex Baker Road, says Major Thomas Carlton of the Hoke Sheriff's Department. The woman was sleeping on her sofa with her infant at approximately 3 a.m. when the rapist reportedly forced entry through the front door, after unsuccessfully trying to access the mobile home in several other locations. The child appears unharmed,

Carlton said. However, the woman was transported to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, where she is being treated for injuries and trauma sustained during the attack and sexual assault. Carlton said details were still being investigated whether the alleged rapist exerted physical force, or also threatened the rape victim (See RAPE, page 10A)

## Citizens complain of chronic speeding by deputies

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS  
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Raeford Police Department officials say an officer recently clocked a Hoke Sheriff's deputy speeding more than 80 miles an hour downtown during a non-emergency situation — and it's

not the first time it's happened. In response to this alleged repeated abuse of Raeford's posted speed limits, Police Chief Mack High sent an official complaint letter to Sheriff Jim Davis on June 15 asking deputies to cease speeding. According to High, his actions resulted after widespread

complaints from local residents. "This situation can no longer be tolerated," High said. "This speeding by deputies is going to come to a screeching halt in our city," he said.

"This is not an isolated incident. Deputies have been speeding in Raeford for about a year

and the situation has gotten worse," High said.

According to High, other instances of speeding deputies have been logged in written reports. In the past, verbal warnings have been issued without written citations dispensed to deputies, High added.

The most recent occurrence involved an unmarked car driven by a deputy in civilian clothes, who was accompanied by a passenger.

High said one of his officers clocked the vehicle speeding in excess of 80 miles per hour as it (See SPEEDING, page 9A)



Fowl weather

These ducks were having a dippity-doo-dah day at Johnson Mill Pond on Thursday during a rain shower.



Mario Dockery

Markeith Jackson

## Inmates escape, are recaptured Hoke jailer overpowered

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS  
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After eluding capture for almost two days, Hoke County Jail inmates Mario Dockery and Markeith Jackson were apprehended by Hoke County Sheriff's Department. The escaped inmates' capture ended a 35-hour nonstop manhunt on Friday shortly after noon. The two men were considered to be "armed and dangerous" after allegedly injuring Hoke Jailer Lamar Marshall. Dockery and Jackson were returned to Hoke Jail, where they are being kept under tight security in Raeford.

After their apprehension, Dockery, 18, of Reservation Road in Ashley Heights, and Jackson, 18, of College Drive, were both charged with escape from a local jail, felony first degree kidnapping, assault on a law enforcement officer, felony larceny of a motor (See ESCAPE, page 7A)

## Some deputies say jailbreak might have been averted

By VICTORIANA SUMMERS  
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Some Hoke Sheriff's personnel have alleged the escape of two prisoners from Hoke Jail last week could have been avoided if proper procedure was followed and tighter securities measures were in place. These deputies, who said they value their jobs, and others who have already resigned, declined to allow their names to be used.

"We care about what goes on in Hoke Jail and we have been dedicated," one deputy said. "When we took (See DEPUTIES, page 7A)

## Assistant superintendent hired

By KRISTIN GUTHRIE  
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The new school year will bring some changes for Hoke County schools beginning with the new Superintendent Mitch Tyler, who will begin officially on July 1, and now Assistant Superintendent Allen Strickland. The Board of Education voted to add Strickland to its staff Tuesday night during its regular monthly board meeting.

Strickland comes to Hoke County schools from neighboring Cumberland County.

Reared in Cumberland County, Strickland went to Emmanuel College in Georgia and then transferred to Campbell University where he earned his bachelor's degree in elementary

education with a concentration in social studies and language arts. He then continued at Campbell University to earn his masters in education administration in the early 1980s.

Working in Cumberland County for 26 years, Strickland has been employed as a fourth, fifth and sixth grade teacher, assistant principal, associate lead principal at Cape Fear High School, principal at JW Seabrook Elementary, and director and executive director of elementary education for Cumberland County Central Services.

Leaving Cumberland County and coming to Hoke as assistant superintendent, Strickland said, "I look forward to coming to Hoke County... I'm excited." (See ASSISTANT, page 7A)