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Another shot at a Hoke party

Sheriff urges parents to teach kids to settle differences without guns

Deputies with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office arrested a man for allegedly shooting a woman who was attending a birthday

Authorities charged Silvester Moultrie Jr., 22, of the 1600 block of McBryde Lake Road in Raeford with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and discharging a weapon into occupied property.

Moultrie allegedly shot Bineka Tarpley in the leg, just below her kneecap, while Tarpley was attending a birthday party June 27 on the 1500 block of Pope Street in Raeford, according to the sheriff's office. Investigators called to the scene in reference to reports of shots fired in the area found Tarpley and began administering first aid. She was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville for treatment.

Witnesses reported seeing Moultrie fire at Tarpley, who was attending the party that was being held outside a home behind a garage, officials said.

"Several witnesses observed the suspect firing multiple shots while he was inside the garage. He then went outside and fired multiple shots into the garage, and then fled the area," the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Moultrie had been involved in a fight

with other men at the party just before the shooting took place, investigators reported. The shooting took place shortly before midnight.

Moultrie received a \$200,000 secured bond.

This is the second time this summer that a person has been shot at a party in Hoke County. Last month, Jawan Shakor

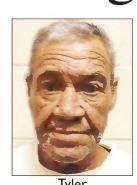
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Oh Snap! Photo Contest is back



Stacy Facundo of Hoke County entered this photo of herself and Layla watching a seal at the zoo in The News-Journal Oh Snap! Photo Contest. Entries are accepted in eight categories at www.thenews-journal.com/ohsnap A winner will be picked and awarded \$25 each week, with a \$175 grand prize awarded at the end of the contest. This photo is entered in the Vacation category. Watch for winners in each edition of The News-Journal beginning next week.

Woman killed, charged



Sheriff's Office deputies have charged a man with murdering a woman at his home early Tuesday morning. **Authorities** arrested Timothy

Hoke County

Tyler, 70, of the 600 block of Gainey Road in Raeford in connection with the shooting death of 50-year-old Alisa Hammonds of the 300 block of Edinborough Road. Investigators called to the scene found Hammonds dead. The officers "learned that the female victim was at the residence visiting, and an argument occurred in reference to money being stolen from the resident," according to a statement from the sheriff's office.

Hammonds and Tyler had a relationship and Hammonds was visiting Tyler at the time, Sheriff Hubert Peterkin

"There was a dispute between both (See MURDER, page 3A)

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County considers creating housing authority

BY CATHARIN SHEPARD Staff writer

Depending on local need, available funding and additional factors, Hoke County could be moving toward creating its own housing

authority.

The topic was brought up Monday night at the county commission meeting during a discussion of a proposed partnership between Hoke County and the Blue Springs-Hoke County Com-

munity Development Corporation. The commissioners unanimously approved the resolution, forming a partnership between the two entities. The partnership is meant to address various matters of community

housing needs. The ultimate intent is to find out if local housing needs exist and whether the county can access funding to start its own housing authority to serve those needs, officials said.

The resolution proposes

that the county and Blue Springs CDC "enter into a collaborative partnership surrounding housing" aimed at fulfilling several goals, including addressing unmet housing needs after (See AUTHORITY, page 4A)

Habitat to build seventh house beginning this month

Anyone who can swing a hammer or work a saw can help a deserving local family have a safe, affordable new home.

Raeford/Hoke County Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers of all different kinds of talents to help build the county's seventh Habitat house. The nonprofit organization plans to hold a groundbreaking to get the new project underway July 26.

"Volunteers with all kinds of talents using a saw, hammer, shovel or

A fire Saturday in this mobile home on Duffie Road destroyed

the house but did not injure anyone, officials said. South

Antioch Fire Department was the primary responder on

the scene assisted by the North Raeford and Stonewall fire

departments. The Red Cross and family members provided

assistance to the resident, who accidentally started the fire

himself, according to reports. (Submitted photo)

someone who knows how to fix a good ole fashioned lunch with some southern sweet tea or lemonade for those who are working are needed!" the organization said in a statement.

People who want to volunteer but don't have the time on July 26 can come out any other Saturday to help, as the build will go on (weather permitting) each week until the house is completed.

The groundbreaking and first day of building will start at 9 a.m. at the site of

the future home, located on the last lot on the left on North Jackson Street.

Habitat for Humanity builds houses with donated labor, and sells them to deserving families with a no-interest mortgage that (See HABITAT, page 6A)

Deputies, dad save nearly drowned child

By Catharin Shepard Staff writer

A Hoke County Sheriff's Office patrol car had just passed a house in the Scull Road area when a call for help from that very address came in from emergency communications: a child had gotten into the family's pool and wasn't breathing.

The officer turned his car around and was on the scene in a matter of seconds, Hoke

County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said. Two other officers quickly arrived and together they took turns doing CPR while waiting for an ambulance, the sheriff said.

Two-year-old Mikhai Blount had been playing in the family's garage with a number of older children, some of whom who weren't used to being careful with toddlers, Blount's mother Khadijah Ray said. When some of the older children went outside,

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