

Hoke Tennis Classic Opens May 14

The Third annual Hoke Tennis Classic will be held May 14-16 at Lauchlin Park, Raeford. Matches will start May 14 at 1 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runnersup of each event. Following is the entry form.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE NO. _____
ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip
AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Please check the event you wish to enter: (2 events maximum per person)


Men's singles _____	Women's singles _____	Boys' 18 & under _____	Girls' 18 & under _____
doubles _____	doubles _____	16 & under _____	16 & under _____
35 & over singles _____	35 & over doubles _____		

MIXED DOUBLES _____ Double's Partner _____
FATHER & SON _____ Mixed Doubles Partner _____

Minimum of 8 teams in all doubles.
ENTRY FEE
\$8.00 Singles per person
\$8.00 Doubles per team

Make checks payable to:
HOKE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 898
Raeford, North Carolina 28376
Phone: Betty Smith - 875-8161
After 5:00 p.m. Steve Phillips - 875-4171

What is the earliest time you are available on Friday _____
Hoke Tennis Association will not be responsible for any injuries incurred during travel and participation in the Hoke Tennis Classic.



Farm Focus

by Richard Melton
Extension Livestock Agent
Banks Wannamaker
Extension Field Crops Agent

Peach Producers

The below-freezing temperatures during the week of April 5-10 caused severe damage to our fruit trees in the area. Most people feel we, as a state, still have 25% of a peach crop. Some suggestions on what to do with what's left:
...Continue spraying if you feel you have even a slight crop. The petal fall spray is most important to keep fruit worms under control.
...Remove unwanted root suckers and water sprouts as they appear.
...Don't prune unless you are sure the crop is lost. Some growers are using this opportunity to lower trees.

Other estimates for N.C. fruit industry:
50-60% damage for apples
75-90% damage for peaches
30-70% damage for strawberries
20-40% damage for blueberries
Little-no damage for grapes

nitrogen burn. And lastly, the plants will begin to lodge or fall down and begin to die. Basically what has happened is ice crystals have formed inside the plant and damaged it. Small grains have an incredible bounce-back capability so don't give up hope. The wheat should be in good shape unless we get temperatures below 40°F., which would affect pollination and seed formation. If this occurs, oats and barley will be hurt more than wheat or rye.

DATE TO REMEMBER:
... North Carolina Agricultural Extension Small Grain Field Day - May 19, 1982, (10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.), at Lower Coastal Plain Tobacco Research Station near Kinston. Please call your Field Crops Agent if you are interested in attending (875-3461), or if you would like more information concerning this event.

Small Grain Information

Have you noticed any problems in your grain fields? I have run across a few and would like to bring them to your attention. First, some growers are having nutritional problems, specifically deficiencies of manganese and copper.
Next, powdery mildew has popped up in a few fields as expected with the amount of rainfall we've had this far this year. Powdery mildew will appear first on the lower leaves of the plant causing them to turn yellow and die. If the disease stays on the lower half of the plant, damage will be minimal (10-15% yield loss). However, if the powdery mildew infects the flag leaves or gets on the heads of the wheat, you can expect a 40-50% yield loss. At the present time "resistant varieties" are the best way to control this disease. Roy, McNair 1003, and Coker 747 are susceptible to powdery mildew, however, they have better resistance to the cold weather we've been having. Coker 762 and Coker 7 are more resistant to powdery mildew, but have problems coping with these late cold weather snaps. There is no such thing as a perfect variety, but you can select one that suits some of your conditions best. Finally, high planting rates (3 bushels or more per acre), instead of the 1.5-2.0 bu/acre recommended rate, will increase chances of powdery mildew. Generally, the mildew will subside as the weather warms up and conditions become dryer.
The third problem, which you have if you grow any grain in Hoke County, is the cold weather and wind damage. The later or further along in maturity, the worse the damage will be. Some symptoms of the cold weather include: The plants will begin to show color changes, dark brown to black on the lower stems. The leaves will show a burning effect similar to

Hoke Agricultural Extension News

by Willie Featherstone, Jr., Agricultural Extension Agent

Spring Can Bring Wildlife Problems

Along with spring's re-awakening of nature there often occur some problems created by wildlife species. These are problems which should be expected with normal wildlife populations, and which can usually be minimized or prevented with proper action by those citizens affected.

The most common problems at this time of year are damage to gardens by rabbits, damage to tree seedlings and crops such as soybeans by deer, damage to sprouting corn by crows and blackbirds, and woodpecker damage to buildings.

The damage to trees, gardens, and crops occurs primarily because young plants provide choice green forage for wildlife species. Woodpecker problems appear to be related to mating activities, next building, or territorial displays.

Rabbit damage to gardens can best be prevented by fencing to keep the animals out of the garden. There are also several chemical repellents on the market which are approved for use on vegetables. If any of these products are used, be sure to follow the label recommendations.

Deer damage, in the long run, can best be prevented by proper harvest of deer through legal hunting each year. Seasons are set by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and are designed to allow sufficient hunting to keep the deer population at a healthy level where serious problems will not occur. For this to work well, however, it is important that landowners permit hunting on their property. Deer populations usually build rapidly to problem levels if a sufficient number are not harvested each year and severe damage problems can result. Even with normal deer populations, some feeding on young tender growth is to be expected, and most crops can recover from light damage.

Preventive measures for deer damage include electric fencing, scare devices which make loud noises, and chemical repellents. The success of these measures depends usually on the diligence of their application and how hungry the deer are. In some cases the only remedy is shooting, which can be done legally with proper permis-

Mission Slated

Raeford Evangelical Methodist Church will hold an Abundant Life Mission Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A covered-dish supper will be held Friday, starting at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, and services will be held at 7:30 p.m.

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tion from the Wildlife Resources Commission.

For problems involving birds, scare devices are usually the most effective, although in some situations chemicals can be used. Persistent woodpecker problems may require specific advice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

If you have wildlife damage problems, there are several places you can go for information and advice. The Agricultural Extension Service has Teletips on certain animal damage problems and you can dial these on a toll-free line. Call your local County Extension office for information on Teletip. You can also contact representatives of the Wildlife Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Early attention to wildlife damage problems can often prevent more serious problems and sometimes needless destruction of wildlife.

Special Children's Forms Deadline

Forms referring exceptional children to the service they need should be completed and returned to the principals of the children's schools by Friday, May 7, Mrs. Rhenda Cameron, coordinator of special children's programs in the Hoke County school system, said this week.

The services are for mentally handicapped, learning-disabled, gifted and talented, hearing-impaired, speech-and language-impaired, and emotionally handicapped.

Mrs. Cameron said, "Each spring, the exceptional-children's programs within the Hoke County schools makes an assertive effort to identify children in need of special services."

"An initial referral for these services is necessary prior to beginning an appropriate evaluation."

"Parents, teachers, other professional education people, and

support people from various community agencies may refer children to any of the (six) special services."

Mrs. Cameron said the appropriate referral form may be obtained from the principal of the school in which the child is enrolled.

The May 7 deadline for returning referrals to the principals was set because extensive testing must be done.

More information may be obtained from the principal of the child's school or from Mrs. Cameron at the County Board of Education office, telephone 375-4106.

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