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(Continued from page 1A) the Turkey Pestival committee will sponsor an "Arts in the Park" at the McLauchin School Park.

There will be music, arts and crafts and games for the children. It is, in other words, a Community

Family Spring Festival. So for an afternoon of fun and fellowship, take the entire family for an afternoon in the park.

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I went down to the depot last week to see how the renovation was progressing. You don't have to go inside to see that work is being done, just glance at the work done on the brick walls outside.

Now a good time for everyone to inspect this work is Saturday, April 27 at 8 a.m. This will be Community Work Day at the depot and there should be a job for everyone. Bring your hammer and saw and join in the work of this

project. It is something that in project. It is something that in years to come that you can tell your children or grandchildren that the people of Raeford and Hoke County accomplished by community effort; not tax dollars, but by the "sweat of the brow." Even if you can't drive a nail or raw a board come by and cities.

saw a board, come by and give your moral support. . . .

Every day in the newspaper and on TV, you can read and hear about the upcoming election in 1986. The battle lines are being drawn and the generals are mustering their troops for the battle, I don't know if they will tire out before the primary, but when one side starts, the other comes forward.

Recently I received a call asking me if I would attend a dinner for a candidate to hear a U.S. State Senator speak. The complete

details had not been made, so I suspect that they are feeling the water to see if things are hot or cold. The only thing about a fund raiser so far ahead of the primary or election, is that you could be asked twice for a donation. It has

happened before. So don't be surprised if your phone rings once or twice a week now asking for political contributions.

If Hoke County is going to operate a garbage system, does this mean that they will take over the pickup in Raeford? You know we folks pay county taxes too.

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It was good to read that the Hoke County commissioners are looking into the possibility of renovating and keeping the present courthouse. We think this is a wise decision.

Art In Park scheduled for Sunday

An afternoon of fun, music, arts and crafts is on tap for Sunday in McLauchlin Park in Raeford.

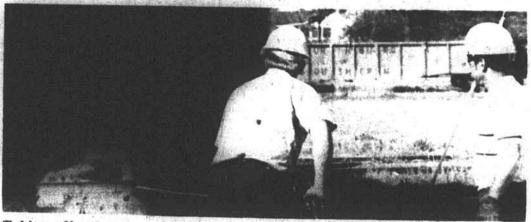
Art in the Park is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. as a local "warm up" for the North Carolina Turkey Festival planned for September 18-21.

Sunday demonstrating their skills and selling their wares.

Continuous music is also planned by local artists. Turkey Festival T-Shirts, balloons, popcorn and drinks will be on sale.

Everyone is encouraged to at-tend Art in the Park on Sunday for an afternoon of Hoke County fun.

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Taking off paint

When the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad Depot was painted a few years ago, the thought of restoring the building to its original state had not been conceived. Since then, such a project had been undertaken and the paint had to be taken off. Shown here are

Bob Cox (spraying) and Nick Vinien putting a water-based paint remover on the building. The spray is said to be better for buildings than sandblasting because it leaves the original glaze on the brick.

Community depot day scheduled

A "Depot Raising" is scheduled for Saturday to help restore the old Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad terminal for the offices of the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Developer.

The event will be a community work day, and all who would like to help are invited, Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Beverly Pasternak said.

Interior walls are on the schedule to be raised and exterior trim repaired during the work day. Community involvement is

needed in order to remodel the old

train station for the projected budget of \$30,000.

Last week the paint was re-moved from the bricks on the outside of the building using water soluble chemicals.

The process is preferred by historic restoration groups over sandblasting. Sandblasting apparently distroys

the glaze on bricks and allows moisture to be trapped inside.

Moisture will freeze, and in time, sandblasted bricks will crumble, preservationists say.

This week, concrete floors were

donated and poured by Hoke Con-crete Works. The refinishing was donated by Lander Peterkin.

The depot restoration fund had topped \$12,000 this week with recent contributions being made by Tar Heel Hatchery and Burlington

Industries. A donation was also made by the Hoke High Class of 1965 in memory of five class members who have died.

The class donation was made in memory of Mary Ruth Williams, Kenneth Floyd, Robert Pittman, Jerry West and Kay Lindsey.



Local craftsmen will be on hand

A coloring contest is also plan-ned for children.

