



M. Lauchlin MacDonald

## Search comes to an end

# MacDonald is Hoke principal

The search for a new Hoke County High School principal ended Friday night when members of the Board of Education unanimously elected M. Lauchlin "Lockey" MacDonald to serve as interim principal until the end of the school year.

Before his election to the principal's post, MacDonald was one of the three assistant principals at the school. The three had been assigned the task of keeping operations going until a new principal could be found.

MacDonald was one of 14 applicants to apply for the position that became available when former principal Dr. Lenwood D. Simpson announced his

resignation on July 25. A screening committee had narrowed the candidates down to three.

"The board felt that in their judgement he (MacDonald) was the best choice for Hoke County High School," Superintendent Dr. Bob Nelson said.

MacDonald, the son of the late K. A. MacDonald, superintendent of Hoke County Schools from 1935 until 1959, was informed Friday night that he had been chosen to fill the position.

"I feel very strongly that the reason I was given this job is because of the team effort of the three assistant principals at the school," MacDonald said on Monday. The other two

assistant principals at the school are Linda Steed and Harold Livingston.

"I stand in awe of the job because all educators who deal with young people have an awesome position," he said. "Teachers have a great impact on students' lives."

A native of Hope Mills, MacDonald grew up in Raeford and was graduated from Hoke County High School. He majored in Biology at Davidson College and later received his master's degree in Secondary School Administration from East Carolina University.

MacDonald did not begin his work in public education until January 1976, when he took a job teaching drafting and

surveying at Hoke High School. Three years later, he was named one of the school's assistant principals.

Before going into education, MacDonald served four years in the U.S. Navy and then worked as a meteorologist for two years. He also worked at the mid-management level for Burlington Industries for 16 years.

An elder at Raeford Presbyterian Church, MacDonald is married to the former Charlotte Ewald of Annapolis, Maryland. They have four children, Ken, John, Anne and Alan, and four grandchildren.

When asked about his goals as principal, MacDonald said, "I want the high school to be an

environment where young people in Hoke County can receive the best education they can get. And I want them to have fun doing it."

"I want Hoke County to be proud of its high school. They have every reason to be proud now, but we are on a course to become better and better as time goes by."

The attainment of those goals cannot be accomplished by one person, according to MacDonald. Reaching the goals will require the cooperation of the 1,400 students and staff at the high school.

"I would covet the support of the parents; not for myself, but for our goals," MacDonald said.

## Commissioners consider proposed subdivision regulations

By Sally Jamir

Members of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday considered proposed subdivision regulations which could benefit both developers and buyers if the board can resolve dissatisfaction over subdivision definitions within the regulation.

The Hoke County Planning Board submitted the proposed regulations to the commissioners for their consideration and comment at the last regular commissioner's meeting.

During Monday's meeting, Jim Dougherty, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development planner, presented the subdivision regulations to the commissioners.

He explained that the Planning Board had voted for the proposed regulations but had reservations over the definition used to describe a subdivision. The definition states that the division of land into parcels greater than ten acres is not subject to the regulations.

Since many developers in Hoke County sell land in parcels of less than 10 acres, this definition would hamper their ability to sell since those developers would need to satisfy strict requirements when selling small portions of land.

Dougherty said some counties

have felt this definition to be restrictive and have been able to get it changed by getting a local amendment passed through the General Assembly.

County Manager William (Bub) Cowan said that there are ways in which residents can take advantage of the flexibility of the regulations to suit local needs rather than amending the definition.

In the presentation, Dougherty summarized the sections of the subdivision regulations and explained the lengthy subdivision process.

The subdivision process can be modified in certain cases, Dougherty said.

Dougherty said that, under the regulations, developers would be required to pave access roads adjoining their property.

Commissioner James Hunt remarked that he felt the subdivision regulations would benefit both the land buyer and the developer.

Agreeing with this statement, Commissioner Wyatt Upchurch added, that a change in the regulations should not be mandated until the public had a chance to look at it by attending public hearings.

In other business, a public hearing was held for the proposed amendments to the Hoke County

Mobile Home Park Ordinance.

After the hearing, commissioners moved to adopt the amendments which included an article on amending the regulations.

Cowan said that at the time the regulations were first adopted by the Planning Board on June 3, 1985, they could be amended according to N.C. General Statutes but not by any articles within the body of the regulations.

Also, the commissioners passed two resolutions which will be submitted to the N.C. Association of County Commissioners for proposed legislative goals.

A resolution requiring a public hearing on school budget was passed.

The resolution requests that "the N.C. General Assembly pass a legislation that would require all Boards of Education statewide to conduct a public hearing on its proposed budget prior to submitting it to the county commissioners for consideration."

Chairman Balfour said that, "the public ought to have the opportunity to question the Board of Education on the budget."

The second resolution was passed concerning relief from repeal of the Household Personal Property Tax.

The resolution supports restor-

ing the taxation of household personal property or providing local government relief for the revenues lost due to the repeal of this tax.

Hoke County Health Center Director, Bob Rogers, presented the fee policies and schedules for the Family Planning Program.

The policies state that teenagers aged 19 and below are exempted from paying fees.

Rogers said, "We don't want cost to be a barrier to services for teenagers in this particular group."

The commissioners adopted the fee policies and schedules and also fixed the fee on Health Center-provided flu shots at \$3.

In other business, the commissioners adopted a recommendation from County Finance Officer Charles Davis to accept a bid from IBM for the purchase of an IBM System 36 for use in the county offices.

The total cost for the equipment and installation of the system will be \$70,134 and will be paid for through the reappraisal reserve fund.

Davis said using these funds for the purchase would mean that revenue sharing funds originally intended for this purpose would be freed for other uses.

Approximately \$45,000 was

originally budgeted for a new county-wide computer system. However, Davis cited the advantages of the IBM system, such as a larger memory, saying that he recommended going "to a system that should last us a long time."

In addition, the commissioners moved to share 75 percent of the cost of a front-end loader for use at the Hoke County landfill.

The commissioners tabled a request from the Sandhills Community College satellite for supplemental funding for a secretarial position.

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Foundation Chairman Buddy Blue presented the request as well as a report on the condition of the satellite facilities on Elwood Avenue.

Blue said that he and Jack Ellis, supervisor for the Maintenance and Inspection Department, and County Manager Cowan looked at the condition of the building and came up with cost estimates for repair of the roof area.

The commissioners referred the matter to the Grounds Committee.

Blue, serving as chairman of the

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## Change in zoning approved for proposed nursing home

By Sally Jamir

Plans for a proposed nursing home in north Raeford were presented during a public hearing on rezoning matters held by the City Council at their regular meeting Monday night.

The plan was presented by local developer Avery Connell who applied for the rezoning of his property near The Meadows Apartments on North Fulton from a Residential-8 category to a Re-

sidential Agricultural-20 category which allows multi-family dwellings.

Connell said the proposed 70-bed nursing home would employ 70 people and cost \$1.4 million to build.

Councilman Bob Gentry, who lives in the vicinity of the proposed home, said, "to my knowledge, no one opposes this."

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## Around Town

By Sam Morris

The fall season finally arrived Monday, but it was after 10 days of over 90° weather. We had a little rain Sunday night, but it hardly settled the dust.

The forecast is for the cool weather to continue for the remainder of the week. We hope that it will go on and return to the seasonal weather we are used to.

A school bond referendum will be held during the general election on Tuesday, November 4. The ballot will be marked either YES or NO to decide if \$3,350,000 school bonds will be provided for erecting, remodeling, enlarging, etc. in the Hoke County School system.

The Board of Education and the Hoke County Board of Commissioners have endorsed these bonds and now, you, the people, will decide the issue. Do you want to keep our school facilities updated and on par with the systems of adjoining counties? This is the question.

The Board of Commissioners state that the bonds can be retired with the sales tax money now coming into the county from the state. The board says that property taxes will not be affected by this bond issue.

The bonds will not be sold until the money is needed for a certain project. This will keep the interest

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## College needs additional classroom space

By Sally Jamir

Classes are in full force at Sandhills Community College satellite, serving the whole community through instruction areas including business, crafts and adult education.

Director Betty High says that attendance this year is "moderate."

"Enrollment has maintained itself at about the levels we had last year," High said. "There has been no significant increase or decrease."

According to figures released by Sandhills President, Dr. Raymond Stone, there was a four quarter average of 124 students in the 1985-86 school year.

High said that there would be more students attending this year, particularly in the Nurses Aide

course, if there were space to house the class.

"We need space in the daytime for the class," High said. "This is unfortunate since the course has proven itself as far as people completing it and getting jobs in the field."

The college is expanding its offering of courses in the near future, according to High.

"We are getting 15 new computers, and increasing the number of courses in this area," High said. "Courses will be offered in becoming a notary public, marketing skills and specialized business courses."

"In the winter quarter we'll add more technical and vocational kinds of courses," she said. "There will be courses in supervi-

ing, typing, leadership styles, business management and income tax preparation."

High said new courses offered this fall are oriented toward the mentally retarded adults and senior citizens.

A new program in the planning stages is a horticultural program aimed at employing people, particularly farmers in the horticultural trade.

"The program would help farmers make the transition from income as a result of total involvement in farming to supplementing their income through the horticulture trade, and adding on to skills they already have," High said.

The college is beginning to serve

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## Local United Way increases goal for 1986

The United Way of Hoke County recently announced their 1986 campaign of \$33,536, an increase of 15 percent over last year, according to Ken Witherspoon, president of the Board of Directors.

Witherspoon said the board voted to start the campaign October 1 and wrap it up November 25.

This year the Hoke County chapter is on the state-combined campaign which provides a convenient way for those who live in areas such as around Sandhills

Correctional Center to pledge funds in the campaign, Witherspoon said.

However, the chapter is not yet included in the federally-combined campaign. Witherspoon explained that people living on Ft. Bragg and Pope AFB will receive pledge cards which will allow them to write in the Hoke County Chapter as their choice (or one of their choices) for pledges.

Witherspoon encouraged people to take advantage of the write-in.

There are 26 statewide agencies

which are supported by the United Way of Hoke County, including Hoke County Foster Care Association, Hoke Reading-Literacy Council, and Hoke County Association for the Developmentally Disabled among others.

Services which these 26 agencies provide range from providing homes for children who need them to services aimed at reducing alcohol and drug abuse.

Solicitation for funds will be conducted through places of work throughout the county, Witherspoon said.



### High notes

Hoke County High School Band Captain Richard Jones, left, goes for the high notes as Drum Major Kerry Booker leads the band. The two were performing in a marching band exhibition presented during the 2nd Annual Hoke County High School Marching Band Festival on Saturday. Over 700 people attended the festival at the high school stadium.