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## Four vying for three commissioners' seats

By Sally Jamir

Four Hoke County residents are vying for three seats on the Board of County Commissioners. The outcome of the race will be decided in the November 4 elections.

Incumbent Cleo Bratcher is running with fellow Democrats Tom Howell and Mable Riley.

Buddy Blue is on the Republican ticket.

In recent interviews, the candidates expressed their views on education in the community, medical services, industry and the road system in the county.

Buddy Blue is chairman of both the Hoke County Housing Authority and the Hoke County Higher Education Foundation.

He is involved in promoting higher education, basic adult education and continuing education through the Higher Education Foundation.

"We are going to conduct a direct-mail fundraising campaign to obtain support for Sandhills Community College Satellite," Blue said. "We need the land and building of our own. Until we have that, we can't offer daytime courses."

"Education like this can have an influence on industrial growth in the county. It is an industrial development tool and can address the needs of industry through services it can offer."

Blue said the training program the college could offer can have a positive impact on the community, such as the one-year horticulture program which would help farmers learn the horticulture business.

Blue supports the development of an industrial park, with the attendant utilities, in order to invite industry into the area and encourage economic growth.

"The Economic Development Commission is looking into this possibility," he said.

"There is a lot to be said for small industries and businesses. If something should happen to one of the businesses or industries, the remaining ones can pick up the slack."

Blue feels that inviting industries into the area should go hand in hand with developing the roads system in the county and in particular, widening Highway 401.

"Much of this project depends on establishing a county water system," Blue said.

As Senator Jim Broyhill's campaign manager for the county, Blue has been in contact with Broyhill and has received positive news from the senator concerning positive reception by the Farmers Home Administration of the county requesting financial assistance for a water system.

"After the decision is made by the FHA to fund the water system, the Department of Transportation could make a decision within 30 days to proceed with the engineering of the highway project," Blue said.

Blue said it would be more cost-

effective in the long run to plan for the highway project so that it would not interfere with the water system in the county. Having the system established may speed up the project by at least a year, he said.

In reference to medical services in the county, Blue feels that services existing now are the most practical for residents.

"A hospital is simply not practical," Blue said. "We need to encourage the establishment of family practitioners, dentists and other

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Top teacher

Carolyn Custard, Hoke County's Teacher of the Year, goes over a study schedule with one of her English classes at Upchurch Junior High School.

Custard was named Hoke County's number one teacher last Thursday. She will go on to compete in the regional competition.

## Custard is 'Teacher of the Year'

Students in Carolyn Custard's fourth period English class broke into a round of applause when their teacher entered the room at Upchurch Jr. High School on Monday.

The warm welcome wasn't something Custard is greeted with every time she steps inside a classroom, but then it isn't every day her students learn that their teacher has been named Hoke County's Teacher of the Year.

Custard was named the county's number one teacher by a panel of local educators last Thursday. She was chosen from the seven teachers named Teacher of the Year at each of the county's public schools.

Custard will now go on to Region IV competition in Carthage on November 4. If she wins the

teacher of the year title for the region, she will be in the running for North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

This is the second time Custard has been named Upchurch Junior High's number one teacher. She won the honor the first time during the 1979-80 school year, but that year the county's Teacher of the Year title went to another educator.

A native and resident of Fayetteville, Custard has taught language arts at Upchurch for the past 11 years.

"Teaching to me is a challenge, it is very rewarding and it is a joy," Custard said.

She says her philosophy of teaching is that "every child can learn."

Custard comes from a family of educators. Her father is an assistant principal at Alger B. Wilkins Elementary School in Fayetteville, and her mother teaches exceptional children.

One of her two sisters teaches in the Bladen County School System, and the other is a child psychologist in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her one brother is stationed in the Army in Texas.

Custard received her bachelor's degree in Intermediate Education from Winston-Salem State University.

Hoke County's Teacher of the Year is married to Roger Custard, who serves in the U.S. Army. They have two sons, Desi, 5, and Brandon, 2.

## Burlington keeps positive attitude despite presidential veto of textile bill

By Sally Jamir

Despite the recent failure of protectionist textile bills to pass through Congress, industrial plants in Hoke County are keeping a positive attitude, a spokesman from Burlington said last Thursday.

During this week's celebration of National Textile Week (October 19 through 25), Burlington Menswear plants in Hoke County will be emphasizing the progress the textile and apparel industry has made and is continuing to make, according to Marc Collins, personnel manager for Burlington's dyeing plant.

"We would like the administration to help us, but when this doesn't happen we can't just sit back, we have to make our own effort in improving services in order to compete," said Collins.

When the Textile and Apparel Trade Enforcement Act was first introduced to Congress, it passed. Later the bill was vetoed by President Reagan.

The bill was initiated by the textile industry to achieve objectives

of the Multi-Fiber Arrangement (MFA) by providing orderly and non-disruptive growth of imports of all fiber, textile and apparel products.

Last year, the bill was introduced again in Congress and fell just short of the two-thirds vote it needed to pass in the house.

While the bill was still being considered in Congress, the N.C. Textile Manufacturing Association initiated a nationwide letter writing campaign to let representatives in Washington know the sentiment of the textile industry.

Kent Vesser, personnel manager, Burlington's Menswear plant in Raeford, said the response of industry employees was overwhelming.

"Nationwide about 200,000 letters were written," Vesser said. "Over 9,000 letters were sent from the two plants in Hoke County."

"We were effective in helping the administration become more aware of the situation in the textile industry," Collins said. "In the southeast we created more of a

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Bill Archer, manager  
Burlington Menswear plant

consumer awareness about the textile plants that are in this area and what they do. And we made the effort to get retailers to give consumers a choice of where their apparel comes from."

"I think we've helped the administration be concerned about, and aware of the import situation," Vesser said. "The next

time they make a decision about this they'll know the stance of the textile industry." Vesser said there has been legislation which has helped the textile industry.

"A Labeling Bill was passed in December of 1984 which required that the country of origin be put on clothing labels and that this infor-

mation also be listed in clothing catalogues," Vesser said. "The Multi-Fiber Agreement was passed in the last few years which, essentially, stipulated that certain countries agree to limit imports. But it will not be enforced."

Presently, Vesser said there are many things that can be done on the home front which can make it easier for the industry.

"We must get better at improving our quality in order to be competitive," Vesser said. "We must become more innovative and creative in our production and more efficient in order to compete."

"We must become better at speculating on what apparel will be popular in a couple of years and produce that to get ahead of competitors," he said.

There has been an intensified effort toward modernization of operations used in production.

Burlington Menswear plant manager Bill Archer said the industry is seriously threatened by the uncontrolled growth of imports but is "fighting back by

modernizing our plants, cutting costs wherever possible, placing a renewed emphasis on research and development, and stressing quality and service as never before."

"There will be some tough times ahead, but we intend to survive and to prosper."

Archer said textile and apparel employees are an integral part of keeping the industry strong.

"Management can make the capital investment in new plants and equipment and set the direction that we'll take in the future," he said. "But it's the skill, dedication and hard work of our employees that makes us the most productive textile industry in the world."

The two Hoke County plants have approximately 1700 employees. Statewide, Burlington has 35,000 employees.

The two Hoke County operations combined are the largest of their type in the world. They produce worsted and worsted-bleen fabrics for the suiting, slacks and uniform markets, supplying clothing material for the military.

## Around Town

By Sam Morris

The cool weather came last week and the weekend was perfect. On Monday morning the temperature was in the 30s and a heavy frost could be seen on all automobiles. It warmed into the high 60s during the day Monday. We still need rain, but the forecast doesn't have any on the schedule.

The forecast is for more frost Tuesday morning and then for the temperatures to be in the 70s for the remainder of the week during the day and in the 40s at night. Lovely weather!

For the past few years Sally Austin, since graduating at Carolina, has been playing golf. She was on the golf team at Carolina and has been trying each year to qualify for the Ladies Professional Golf Tour. Sally has faded each time by just a few strokes and once by one stroke.

She has continued to play golf on the mini-tour which goes all (See AROUND, page 10)

## Sheriff's Dept. recovers stolen vehicles

The Hoke County Sheriff's Department recovered stolen vehicles last month belonging to Budget Rent-A-Car Systems, Incorporated in Texas, according to records.

As a result of information from a confidential source, Detective Ed Harris and Detective J.R. Riley investigated a wooded area off RR 1488 where two vehicles were found parked in the woods behind a residence.

Records say in talking with residents, it was learned the vehicles came from Texas. Stickers for the cars were on the windows.

A message sent to the car company got a response from a representative who said that the car had not been rented.

Records say the cars are currently being stored at Raeford Motor Company.

Detective Mack High reported a shooting at Cousins nightclub on N.C. 211 of a Julius Locklear of Rt. 1, Red Springs.

Locklear was shot in the groin area by a suspect at about 11 p.m. on October 17.

Records say Locklear was treated at Moore Regional

Hospital. Detective High said he was in satisfactory condition.

The case is under investigation. Governor Locklear, Rt. 1, Red Springs, reported a break-in and larceny at his residence.

A subject kicked in the door of the residence. A nearby shed was also broken into.

Property worth \$809 was taken including household good and tools.

Records say the break-in took place between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. on October 13.

Donald Henderson, Rt. 1, Raeford, reported a break-in at his mobile home which occurred between 8 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. on October 15.

Apparently a subject broke the back door and took \$629 worth of property including a television, guns and a mower.

Brook Freson, Azalea Street, Raeford, reported a break-in at the Freson residence which occurred between 10 a.m. October 9 and 12 p.m. on October 10.

A subject forced open the back door with a sharp object and entered, records say.

Property worth \$588 was taken

including household goods and tools.

Andrew Carter, Rt. 1, Gold Hill Road, Shannon, reported a break-in at his residence.

Records say a subject forced open the front door, entered and took a television worth \$300.

The property was taken sometime between 7 p.m. and 10:10 p.m. October 17.

The property was later recovered and charged in the case was Waymon Cummings, 38, Rt. 1, Box 69 B, Raeford.

Susie Cummings, Rt. 5, Raeford reported a break-in at her mobile home.

Records say sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on October 13 a subject broke in by breaking the front door and taking a purse containing \$80.

Miriam Barringer, Collage Drive, Raeford, reported a break-in at her residence.

Records say a subject broke in through the rear door between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. October 13.

The bedroom was in disarray but nothing had been taken, according to records.

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Hospice tournament

WRAL weather reporter Bob Debardeleben will be playing in the first annual Hospice Golf Tournament to be held this Saturday at the Arabia Golf Course. Tee off time is 1 p.m. All proceeds will go to the local Hospice project.

## Commissioners approve funds for secretary

By Sally Jamir

Members of the Hoke County Commissioners on Monday granted a request for supplemental funding of secretarial assistance for Sandhills Community College Satellite.

The action comes after the board tabled the matter two times, partially due to the investigation into other means of supplying the assistance.

The \$7,000 grant will aid the satellite to obtain secretarial help for the educational unit's administrative offices where Betty High is the director.

Buddy Blue, Chairman of the Hoke County Higher Education Foundation, represented the college in the request, which had been originally for \$10,000.

The requested amount became less because of the amount of time of the school year which had already expired.

In other business, the commis-

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