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Incumbents take Hoke County races

Despite a lighter than expected voter turn-out it was a great night for the incumbents in Hoke County's Democratic primary.

Despite the sometimes controversial mobile home, subdivision, and junkyard ordinances enacted in Hoke County in the last two years and troublesome issues in Robeson County, voters seemed willing to go on past records in choosing who will lead them in the future.

In the race for Hoke County Commission, Chairman Wyatt Upchurch and Vice-Chairman Neill McPhatter were virtually assured of being returned to office although they will meet Republican candidate Buddy Blue in the November election.

Unofficial returns had Upchurch as the top vote-getter in the race with 1530 votes, McPhatter came in second with 1315. Frank Teal came in

third with 1209 and L. E. McLaughlin came in a close fourth with 1181 votes.

In the race for governor, Bob Jordan had 2,252 votes from Hoke. Jordan is married to the former Sarah Cole of Raeford.

In the state Senate race, David Parnell received 2,348 votes in Hoke County. His challenger W. Paul Graham got 516 votes.

In the race for the state House of

Representatives, Hoke County Rep. Danny DeVane, the traditional front-runner in the three-county 16th District, led Hoke County with 2,146 votes to Sidney Locks 1,706. Third was Pete Hasty of Scotland County with 1,437.

Overall, Locks appears to be the front-runner in the 16th District with an unofficial tally of 13,546 votes and DeVane second with 13,432.

By 8 a.m. Wednesday, Locks had received 10,171 votes in Robeson County with only one small precinct yet to report, 1,669 in Scotland County and 1,706 in Hoke.

DeVane received 9,741 votes in Robeson, 2,146 in Hoke and 1,545 in Scotland.

The race for the third seat is very close. Unofficial scores give newcomer Adolph Dial of Robeson County 9,573 and incumbent Pete Hasty of Scotland County 9,565.

DeVane attributed his strong showing in Hoke county in part to his work as chairman of the Air and Water Committee in the House. He said, "I've been able to help pass

legislation which helped the environment and those issues helped me." And he said, "I've been responsible to the people and I've been honest."

He also said, "I've been close to the people. They all have the same telephone number and they don't have to go through a contact to get to me." (See ELECTION, page 2A)



All over
Hoke County Commission Chairman Wyatt Upchurch (left) and Vice-Chairman Neill McPhatter breathe a little easier after seeing unofficial results at The News-Journal Tuesday night. Upchurch was top vote-getter, followed by McPhatter.

Hoke Co. Primary Results															
Unofficial returns	absentee	Allendale	Antioch	Blue Spr	Buchan	McCain	Puppy Crk	Raeford 1	Raeford 2	Raeford 3	Raeford 4	Raeford 5	Rockfish	Stonewall	TOTAL
SENATOR															
David R. Parnell (D)	32	71	139	146	78	130	181	280	245	182	256	316	128	164	2231
W. Paul Graham (D)	3	13	22	29	20	35	25	153	38	44	45	43	27	19	633
HOUSE OF REP.															
Daniel H. DeVane (D)	29	47	112	129	49	138	170	385	253	150	288	109	139	148	2146
Adolph Dial (D)	5	26	77	49	8	42	33	81	51	28	81	33	34	24	572
John C. (Pete) Hasty (D)	27	14	59	57	24	93	118	283	211	90	206	51	86	118	1437
Garth Locklear (D)	6	26	40	41	17	29	31	60	39	32	39	22	34	25	441
Sidney A. Locks (D)	10	67	78	119	73	93	113	252	103	163	136	337	66	96	1706
COUNTY COMMISSION															
Lawrence E. McLaughlin (D)	7	38	46	113	68	77	81	130	53	111	80	292	34	51	1181
Neil W. McPhatter (D)	8	72	70	119	69	72	83	160	49	130	81	326	34	60	1315
Franklin R. Teal (D)	18	12	58	37	23	76	101	227	199	60	197	15	85	101	1209
Wyatt G. Upchurch (D)	26	18	101	75	15	71	120	286	209	93	220	32	130	134	1530

(See completed chart, page 2A)

Bidding deadline extended for central communications

Final date for submitting bids for equipment for the proposed central communications system has been extended until May 20 and items omitted from specifications in the first invitation for bids sent out to vendors have now been included, County Manager William Cowan told Hoke County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning.

Cowan said he anticipates receiving bids ranging from \$73,000 to \$103,000 and said the bids will provide a variety of options. Cowan also says he may not recommend accepting the low bid on the project. He says the county needs to look at the quality of the equipment being bid on and the ease of getting spare parts in the future.

Cowan told Commissioners the bid submission date was extended because vendors are attending trade shows this week and next. However, it also allows a little more time for working out some of the problems which have surfaced since the first set of specifications on the equipment was drawn up.

Some Hoke County volunteer firemen and other users of the communications system had said they felt the first set of specifications was inadequate for the needs of the county. They also had pointed out some errors, including a mistake in listing a frequency and the omission from the bid sheet of an encoder.

On Monday, Commissioners approved the clarifications to the bid sheet as proposed by Cowan. In a cover letter sent to vendors, Cowan said the clarifications, including the frequency correction, would also serve as an addendum to the invitation for bids. Included on the new list is an encoder and also cross-patch capability.

Also on the addenda list for bids are eight swivel leather cases for handheld radios, 40 alert/monitor receiver pagers with nicad battery and two channel capabilities with common tone, and 40 single unit chargers with antenna. Cowan said those items were added at the request of the city and will be paid for by the city.

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Fatality

One person was killed and three injured at about 11:15 p.m. Sunday on June Johnson Road when this truck driven by Terry Wayne Long, 21, of Raeford went off the road on the left, skidded, and turned over into a tree. Rescuers had to cut off the top of the truck to remove two of the victims. Jeanette Taylor King, 32, of Raeford was

killed. In addition to Long, Donna Constois, 20, of Raeford and Joseph Daniel Constois II, 2, were injured. Long, as of Tuesday night was to be charged driving while impaired, according to Highway Patrol Trooper K.W. Weston.

June public hearing is set on cable TV in county

Three very different proposals for providing cable TV service in Hoke County have been received by the Board of Commissioners which will give county residents a chance to have their say in which company gets the franchise at a public hearing in June.

County Attorney Duncan McFadyen told commissioners he has received proposed ordinances from Rockfish Cable TV in Hope Mills, Alert Cable TV of Red Springs, and Riverton Cable TV and Tar Heel Cable TV, two small companies which will join forces to provide cable service in the county.

Rockfish Cable TV would offer an 18-channel basic service package and is requesting a limited franchise serving the eastern part of the county.

The company would install underground cables and is offering a 15-year franchise which would pay the county 5 percent of its gross revenues.

It proposes a new installation charge of \$20 but would give free installation to residents subscribing to the service within 30 days of activation of cable in each area served.

The company would charge a monthly fee of \$10.95 for basic service. Pay channels would include HBO at \$9.95, Cinemax at \$8.95, and Disney at \$7.95 or \$23.95 for all three purchased at one time.

Alert Cable TV is the company which now provides cable service in Raeford and immediate surrounding area. According to McFadyen, Alert's proposed ordinance did not include a list of channels and no schedule for pro-

viding service to other areas. McFadyen says it is hard to tell if the company intends to provide service throughout the county or only in limited areas.

Alert's representative Harrison Daniels has said his company would charge county customers the same monthly rate for the 18-channel basic service city customers now pay, which he said is \$14 per month.

Alert's installation fee is \$15. It would offer four premium channels - HBO for \$11.95 per month and Showtime, Disney and Playboy for \$9.95 each.

Riverton and Tar Heel propose to give the county a 3 percent franchise fee on all revenues generated in the county. They propose offering cable service to the entire county within five years of franchise award and would start in the Rockfish area.

Riverton and Tar Heel would use a pole system. They would offer a 21-channel service including four premium channels. The connection fee would be \$25.

Basic service would cost \$12. HBO, Cinemax and Showtime would cost an additional \$11 each per month. Disney would cost \$9.

Saying, "There is a lot of interest out there," for cable TV in the county, Commission Chairman Wyatt Upchurch said he wants representatives of the three companies proposing franchises to appear at the public hearing which has been scheduled for June 20 at 7 p.m. in the commissioner's meeting room in the Pratt Building on Main Street.

Drug 'kingpin' gets 15 years

The man described by Sheriff's Department Detective Ed Harris as "the kingpin of drug dealers in Hoke County" was sentenced to 15 years in prison without parole or probation and fined \$100,000 last week in U. S. District Court in Winston-Salem.

According to Harris, Brady Locklear of Rt. 1, Red Springs, pleaded guilty to count one of a secret indictment charging him with conspiring from 1982 to February 1987 of acquiring in excess of 100 kilograms of cocaine from persons in Florida and distributing the cocaine

in Hoke and Robeson Counties.

Harris said the arrest of Locklear and others stemmed from indictments handed down in N. C. Middle District Court in the last few months.

"Brady Locklear has been the target of investigators over the last six to seven years," Harris said, "and this sentence is the culmination of that investigation."

He said the investigation was a co-operative effort by the Hoke County Sheriff's Department, the State Bureau of Investigation and the U. S. Drug Enforcement Ad-

ministration.

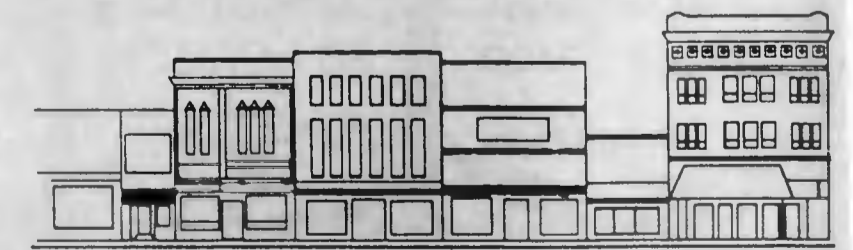
"Locklear is considered a major cocaine trafficker," he said. "He has now been convicted of importing millions of dollars worth of cocaine into Hoke and Robeson Counties."

Harris said Locklear was the owner and operator of a club on Highway 211 East near the Hoke/Robeson line which was variously known as Brady's Place and the Main Event. He said Locklear became involved in drug dealing and

(see DRUGS, page 5A)

Around Town

by Sam C. Morris



The weather for the past week has been just a little on the cool side for this time of year. The low 70-degree weather during the day and the 40-degree readings at night are just a few degrees below the norm. It has also been dry with an almost 3 inches below the normal.

The forecast for the next few days calls for temperatures to be in the 70s and for a chance of rain on Wednesday and Thursday. The weekend forecast is for dry weather and the thermometer to go into the 80s.

Keith Ryan of the Raeford Kiwanis Club was by the office Monday and asked that I mention about the club's car wash. The car wash will be held on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. The wash will be held in the Southern National Bank parking lot.

Ryan said that he would supply the soap and the high pressure washer and that the bank would furnish the water and electricity.

The price of the wash is \$5 and up. The money will be used by the club for Hoke County charities so take

all your cars Saturday and let the Kiwanians do a good job for you and at the same time help a worthy cause.

Mrs. Mary Archie McNeill was by the office last week and left a write-up she wanted put in this column. It is as follows:

The public is invited to a reorganizational meeting of the Hoke County Arts Council at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 9 at the Hoke County Library Conference Room.

North Carolina Arts Council Grassroots Arts Administrator Jack LeSueur of Raleigh will be present to assist in restructuring an active, growing, vital arts council in Hoke County. Well established arts councils have a positive effect on the economic, cultural and educational status of cities and rural communities throughout our state and nation.

The purpose of Monday's meeting is to help shape a better future for Raeford and Hoke County.

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