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25 CENTS

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Sixth escapee caught Thursday on Vass Road

The sole remaining escapee from a jailbreak last week was captured at a Vass Road home Thursday.

Bruce Harris, 23, was caught when deputies went back to the home north of Raeford to repair a door that had been kicked in during the initial search for six men who escaped the Hoke County Jail.

A member of Harris' family had requested the Sheriff's Department fix the door, said interim Sheriff Frank Crumpler. When deputies went to the house, they found Harris and his girlfriend. Harris was arrested and returned to Hoke County Jail.

Deputies said they had checked the house for Harris each day after the jail break.

Harris had apparently tried to remove a telltale tattoo of a spider web from his upper left cheek.

Det. Jimmy Riley said he knew Harris on sight anyway.

"I know Bruce," he said. "I've been chasing him since he was about eight years old."

Raeford man knifed at turkey plant

A Raeford man was cut in the face by a fellow

turkey plant employee Monday night.

Michael Allen, 28, an employee of House of Raeford Farms, Inc., was injured when Dickey Ray Sturdivant of Route 1, Raeford allegedly cut him with a knife, Raeford Police Chief James Murdock said.

"It apparently stemmed from a domestic type situation," he said.



Reminder

Raeford Police Sgt. Greg Thomas holds a poster reminding drivers to watch out for young children now that schools are back in session. Capt. Dick McNeill prepares to nail the poster to a utility pole on Main Street.

Festival cooking contest to feature new turkey recipes, old favorites

While five contestants battle it out for top honors in the state turkey cooking contest which kicks off the Turkey Festival in Raeford, festival-goers are encouraged to try some of the tasty treats the North Carolina Turkey Federation will have on hand.

Two favorites from past festivals—grilled turkey tenderloin and Carolina turkey pizza—will be available to all those whose mouths water as they watch the cooks do their stuff.

Plus, samples of the national prize winning recipe, curried turkey twist, will be on hand. Curried turkey twist is a uniquely flavored pasta salad with turkey breast and fresh vegetables.

Five contestants—Angela S. Bond

of Wilkesboro, Pi-Yu Huang of Raleigh, Sue H. Sherman of Hurdle Mills, Cloise C. Williams of Statesville and Vickie Wyatt of Shelby—will be competing for \$1,500 in prize money. The top recipe gets \$800.

Bond will cook "Angela's Mexican Dip," Huang will cook "Turkey Teriyaki," Sherman will cook "Marvelous Grilled Turkey," Williams will cook "Turkey Cutlets Supreme," and Wyatt will prepare "Turkey Fruit Salad."

This year's judges are: Edie Low, an editor of *The Leader* in Charlotte; Dix Harper with WRAL-TV in Raleigh; Elizabeth K. Norfleet, publisher of *Taste Full* in Wilmington; and Beth Tartan, food editor of *Winston-Salem Journal*.

Special guest at the event is Julie Bowman, winner of the National Teen Turkey Lovers' Recipe Contest. Bowman is a 16-year old at Millbrook High School in Raleigh.

If you think your turkey recipe can compete with the best in the state, you can enter next year's turkey cooking contest.

Send your recipe with your name, address and phone number to:

Emmie S. Whitley, Chair
NC Turkey Cooking Contest
4020 Barrett Drive
Suite 102
Raleigh, NC 27609

Each recipe must use at least one pound fresh or fully cooked turkey meat and must serve 4 to 8 people. Beyond that, almost anything goes, from soup to salad to the barbecue grill.

Recipes will be judged first by read- (See COOK, page 6)

Festival sponsors sought

With the N.C. Turkey Festival only a few weeks away, organizers are trying to finalize their fundraising efforts.

Any business wishing to become a sponsor should call Diana Pressley at the Raeford-Hoke Chamber of Commerce at 875-5929 or Marvin Lynne Maxwell at home at 875-3818.

So far, the following businesses and industries have become sponsors (updated lists will be printed in upcoming editions of *The News-Journal*):

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Hoke Rubber Products
Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Carter
Cape Fear Farm Credit
J.H. Austin Insurance Agency
Kay Thomas Properties
Raeford Salvage Company
Southern National Bank
(See SPONSORS, page 3)

Good Samaritan returns purse, money to owner

The woman who lost her purse said it was the worst trip to the beach in her life; the Hoke County "good Samaritan" who returned the purse a week later made the experience a little better.

Pat McDonnell of Greensboro was headed to the beach Saturday, August 17, with a friend, Jim Dutton, her collier, when the car's engine blew out in a small Columbus County town, leaving the four stranded.

While her friend called for a rental car, McDonnell sat near a diesel pump in some shade, she said. When a rental car was arranged, the four headed on to the beach, leaving McDonnell's purse behind.

Eight more apply for sheriff's job

In all, 16 applied as deadline passed

Eight more people applied for the job of sheriff of Hoke County between Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m., the deadline for applications.

A total of 16 people applied for the job. Eddie Allen, Debbie Brewer, Daniel D. Brock, Wayne Byrd, Frank Crumpler, James Holt, Weaver Patterson and Jimmy Riley were the final applicants for the post.

"Why not?" asked Eddie Allen, a 12-year deputy in the department. "I have everything to gain and nothing to lose, the way I look at it."

Allen said his experience in the department ranges widely; "I've answered calls, worked the jail, worked the courts, served civil process," he said. "A little bit of everything except detective."

Though not carrying the title of Chief Deputy, Allen performs much the same duties Alex Norton did when he was appointed sheriff in 1988 upon Sheriff Dave Barrington's retirement.

Allen would not say what changes, if any, he would make in the department if he got the job.

"It's too early to say anything right now," he said. "The view is a little bit different from the bottom looking up than from the top looking down."

Daniel Brock, director of load management for Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp., says he misses law enforcement.

"The main thing is, I love law enforcement," Brock, once a Hoke County deputy, said. "Our system may not be perfect, but it's the only one we've got and someone's got to work at it."

Brock served as a deputy about a year and a half, moving from the jail to road deputy. He has worked with Lumbee River for 14 years, he said, often dealing with complaints from the public.

"I know there's a lot of problems, but I don't

see anything that can't be worked out," he said.

He said the department needs restructuring so deputies are working in their best areas, but declined to mention specific changes: "I wouldn't know that until after I got in there."

Brock graduates today with a four-year business administration degree from Methodist College.

Wayne Byrd, who lost to Norton in the Democratic primary last year, said he planned to run for sheriff in 1994 anyway.

"All this did was just move my running time up three years," he said.

"I owed it to myself to put my name in the pot," Byrd said.

He said the department needs strong leadership able to keep its head above internal friction and outside pressure.

"Sometimes I think that some of our government employees kind of want to make suggestions that are not right to a department manager," he said.

"You're going to have to do what is best," he said.

He said his goal was to work with the department staff, not "clean house."

"The people down there have not ever worked for me," he said. "I don't know what kind of job they would do for me."

"It's not fair for me to (comment on) what those people did for Alex Norton."

"Maybe I would give them a different incentive than Alex."

Byrd's main goal is to do more for less.

"The county, as small as it is, cannot afford all the goods and services it needs," he said.

First on Byrd's list is "getting someone in that (See APPLY, page 5)

Sheriff case continues today

The case of the state versus Alex Norton—in which a judge has already removed Norton from the office of Hoke County sheriff—continues this morning as that same judge hears motions from Norton's lawyers in Raleigh.

Judge Donald W. Stephens and lawyers in the case agreed to meet at 10 a.m. today at Wake County Courthouse in Raleigh to hear motions made by Randy Gregory and Ed Pone, Norton's lawyers.

Gregory and Pone moved to ask Stephens to overturn his own decision to

remove Norton on several bases: that the case was unconstitutional, that facts in the case didn't bear out the charges, that facts didn't indicate a law had been broken.

The motion further requests if Stephens does not decide to overturn his own decision—made August 5 in Raeford—that he grant Norton a brand new trial.

After an 11-day trial, Stephens removed Norton from office for wrongfully ordering court papers to be changed and for failing to charge an employee

with a felony. He dropped seven other charges. The charges had been brought by District Attorney Jean Powell and County Attorney Duncan McFadyen.

A second motion by Norton's lawyers asks that the judge make Hoke County pay their fees.

The motion cites a law, McFadyen said, which states if the officer—Norton—prevails, the county must pay his legal costs.

Though Norton was ousted from office on the basis of two charges, his (See COMMISSION, page 4)

Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The weather the first of the week felt like the fall season was with us. The high temperatures on Monday was in the 70s. The light rain was not enough to stop most outdoor activities.

The forecast calls for the summer weather to return by Wednesday. The high temperature for Thursday through Saturday will be in the 90s and the lows at night will be in the 70s. We could have more rain on Saturday.

As I backed out of my driveway Monday morning I had to stop for two school buses to go by on the street. It doesn't seem any time since school was out and now it is starting again for another year.

Please be sure to watch out for children waiting for the buses. It is not too bad this month, but by the first of October it will be darker and the children will be hard to see. The clock doesn't

change until the last week of October, so it will be getting light later and later each morning.

If you must get to work by a certain time, then plan to leave earlier because of the buses on the highways. The life you save may be a child of your friend.

I attended the ground-breaking for the Fayetteville Transformer Company last Tuesday morning. Many of the county, city and civic leaders were on hand to welcome Ravi and Shashi Rahangdale to this part of the state.

The building will be built on a tract of land in the Wayside community and it was formerly owned by D.K. and D.B. Parker. Dan Ratley, also a native of Hoke County, will construct the building for the company. Ratley said that the building should be completed by the first of the year.

Let's hope that this is just the start of (See AROUND, page 9)