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## Sheriff, new chief find running Hoke's jail a challenge

Sheriff Wayne Byrd has made his last major addition to the force since taking over in mid-September. He's hired a new jailer.

Al Schwarzbher, who retired from an administrative position in the Army's Special Forces, has taken on responsibility for Hoke's county jail.

And that's no easy task, given the confusion

over leadership of the jail, given all the new rules being imposed on jails by the state. But Schwarzbher has already jumped in and gotten his feet wet.

To start with, Schwarzbher, who initially applied to be a road deputy, had already enrolled in jailer school on his own; usually, the county

has to pay to send new jailers to school for their training.

His class will be the first to know all the new rules.

"I'm going to be as up to date as anyone," he said.

"The jailers that went to the last class won't

even have this information," Byrd said.

And Schwarzbher's administrative experience is helping, Byrd said.

"He's made some changes for the better in the jail," said Byrd. "We've started working on the policy and procedure manual."

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Wonder walk

Children at Miss Jackie's Day Care walked for the March of Dimes Tuesday, much like adults will do Nov. 2. The 20 children took part in "Wonder Walk," patterned after

"Walk America," this year a 3.7 mile trek beginning at Hoke High School. Miss Jackie's children walked along Roberts Street to Harris Ave., where they were greeted by clowns with balloons.

## Commission wrestles with military guidelines

### Worries land plan gives too much power

Commissioners appeared uncertain Monday night of the meaning of a resolution to adopt the recommendations of a group which studied land uses of counties bordering Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base and Camp Mackall.

Commissioner Tom Howell, who sat on the study committee, moved to table the resolution so commissioners would have more time to read the study group's report, which was finished in January.

Commissioners expressed concerns the resolution would restrict the county's authority over land use. Area real estate developers have said they are confused about the recommendations and whether they are legally bound by them now under the county's zoning law.

The report recommends Hoke County revise its building code and subdivision regulations to restrict development in areas of high noise and high risk of military accidents.

The study group discourages residential development in Hoke County in a strip along the southern border of Fort Bragg Reservation and in small areas near Camp Mackall, but encourages commercial, industrial and educational development.

Those areas are near three of Fort Bragg's impact zones, areas where the Army explodes artillery shells, and the flight path of aircraft approaching Camp Mackall.

There are already 117 homes in those areas, according to the report. Most of those are probably in the McDougald Downs subdivision and

Puppy Creek Mobile Home Park in northeastern Hoke.

The study group also recommends a program to pad homes and businesses in those areas to

"We would not be giving up any control over land use in the county" — Tom Howell

reduce the noise levels inside.

Finally, the study group recommends the county require that developers and real estate agents warn prospective buyers of homes in those zones of the noise and potential for accident.

County Manager Barry Reed said Friday the county has already taken steps to follow the recommendations.

"Most of the recommendations that were in the report have already been implemented by our zoning ordinance," he said. "The biggest things were the zoning questions that restrict the kinds of activities that happen around the base."

But the building code has not been revised, though Reed called the recommendations to dampen noise and warn home-buyers a "right to know, consumer-oriented" measure.

Adopting the resolution would not take away commissioners' authority over zoning and other laws affecting development, he said, but would move the county closer to changing or adding laws regarding development near Fort Bragg.

"The resolution would pose us to move in that

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## How 'bout them Bucks!

### Hoke High undefeated in conference

The Hoke High Bucks proved themselves worthy of a shot at the conference title Friday night by beating Purnell Swett's highly ranked team 18-12.

Purnell Swett was ranked seventh in the state before Friday night's game in an Associated Press poll.

The difference came in a tough goal line stand by Hoke's defense; the Bucks denied Swett's Rams a third score which would have tied the game.

"Our defensive staff put together a game plan and our defense executed almost to perfection," said Walter Barnhill, head coach of the Bucks.

Hoke started off the game on the wrong foot, fumbling the opening kickoff. The muff led to Swett's first touchdown when Timmy Locklear ran in for a touchdown.

But the momentum swung the other way when Hoke blocked a low kick for the extra point. The offense took the field and drove 72 yards to score a touchdown on a run by league-leader Carlos Peterson. Mike Hagin's kick made the score 7-6.

Hoke's defense stood tall and the offense got another chance before the end of the half, finally scoring a field goal on a 20-yard kick by Hagin to make the score 10-6.

But the Rams would not be so easy to tame in the second half.

Led by Locklear's rushing (125 yards in 28 carries Friday night), the Rams pushed down the field and scored another touchdown, taking the lead back 12-10. But the Bucks again foiled the conversion attempt, this time stopping a run.

Hoke's offense charged back down the field as tailbacks Peterson and sophomore LaShawn McDuffie racked up 70-plus yards rushing each.

But the key offensive play came on fourth and long in Swett territory, when quarterback Santes Beatty hit wide receiver Marlone

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Plotting the next move.

## Get those tickets early; it's going to be a big one

Hoke High School will be selling tickets early for the Bucks' football game against the highly ranked Richmond Raiders.

The big advantage is fans won't have to stand in line before the game starts, said Billy Colston, Hoke High's athletic director.

He expects a huge turnout for the game, which pits the Southeastern 4-A conference's only two unbeaten teams against each other.

"We've never beaten Richmond County. We'd like to make this the first," he said.

If any team can do it, Hoke can; the Bucks have been the underdog in most of their games this year, and have

come out on top in all but one, when they lost to highly ranked Southview in the Turkey Bowl.

The Bucks have come back — with a vengeance — to beat two other highly ranked teams: no. 1 Seventy-first and no. 7 Purnell Swett.

In fact, high school football aficionados haven't really given the Bucks their due this year.

But the Bucks have known all year they can win big.

"I don't think we have underrated ourselves," Colston said. "Maybe we've been underrated by some other people."

Going into Friday night's game, (See TICKETS, page 8)

## Autry fights State over Indian district

Raz Autry wrote in his *News-Journal* column July 31 he had been discriminated against by the state's new districting plan; he called for a lawyer who knew how to file a federal lawsuit to help him fight it.

Readers may have thought Autry was joking, but since then, he really has talked to lawyers about filing suit against the state.

Autry, a white, says the state put his precinct in a district in which only Indians can get elected.

"This is undoubtedly the greatest case of reverse discrimination I've ever seen," he said.

Every 10 years when the census results come in, state and federal representatives have to redraw the boundaries around the people who vote them into office.

If the U.S. Department of Justice

approves this year's plan — Rep. Danny DeVane says we'll know by December 15 — Hoke County's state house map will change drastically. The county will be part of three districts rather than one.

Autry, who lives in Arabia, will be in District 85, a mostly Indian district.

Redistricting is undoing the work the Voting Rights and Civil Rights Acts were intended to accomplish in the first place, he said.

"I spent seven years, the hardest years of my life, to do what desegregation was supposed to accomplish," he said.

He spoke of his years with the Hoke County school system — as high school principal then superintendent of the system — when schools were integrated.

"The redistricting committee has undermined everything we tried to do," he said. "It's been a waste of time."

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## Around Town

By Sam C. Morris

The fall weather continues and the rain that came last week was needed. I don't believe that it stopped the cotton pickers many days. It did run me off the golf course Tuesday and Wednesday because with the rain there was also thunder and lightning.

The weekend was nice and this week has started out with the thermometer registering in the 60s during the day Monday.

The forecast calls for the highs to be in the 70s during the day Wednesday through Saturday and the lows for the period will be in the 50s. No rain is forecast for this time.

The weather was perfect for the Antioch Ingathering last Thursday. The barbecue was hot and the liver pudding

was somewhat hotter than the barbecue. I also enjoyed the fellowship of many people from Hoke County and from other places whom I haven't seen in a number of months.

There will also be ingatherings at Shiloh and Bethel Presbyterian churches during the next two weeks. Shiloh will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 24. Bethel will be Thursday, Nov. 7 and will serve from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. So plan to attend these two events.

Monday morning I answered the phone at the office and someone asked me when daylight savings time would end. He said that he needed to set his clock on the correct day. I informed him to set his clock or watch back an hour on

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